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Friday, Nov. 11, 11:45pm

All entry fees donated to St. Jude's!

"come to the water"
GLAD DISTRICT CONFERENCE -- WILMINGTON, NC
November 11-13, 1994

ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS.....

Changing Course

Mr. Lou Clemmons

A two part workshop designed for adult children of addicted parents and/or those in relationship with an addicted person. The workshop will explore the many issues encountered by people who have been intimately related to addicted persons, and explore alternative strategies and means of **Changing Course** in their lives. Lou Clemmons has an MSC and works as a counselor in the mental health field.

Inclusive Language -- Why?

Mr. Daniel Mullins

This workshop is designed to be highly interactive, as participants explore the experiences of exclusion, and the means of inclusion. This workshop is used at St. John's MCC in Raleigh.

The Antagonist in the Church

Rev. Paul Turner

This two part workshop is based on the very popular book. Pastor Turner's workshop will look at sources of conflict, conflict that promotes unhealthy behavior, the warning signs of antagonism in the church, and ways resolving issues of conflict when dealing with unhealthy conflict.

Liberating the Church From Its Isms

Rev. Christine Oscar

Everyone talks about "inclusivity", but do we all know what that really means, and how do we begin to make our church as inclusive as possible. Rev. Oscar, who has served longest as a senior Pastor in the Gulf Lower Atlantic District, brings answers and methods about how we can become the reality of God's diversity.

1. Worship & Music

2. Contemporary Christian Music

Ms. Marsha Stevens

1. Our praise in music is a vital part of our ministries. Ms. Stevens looks at church music in the contemporary context and how it is used in today's ministries.
2. The contemporary Christian music scene is a growing ministry and industry. How does that relate to the needs and outreach of UFMCC?

About the workshops (cont.).....

UFMCC & Christian Social Action

Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry

Troy Perry, founder and Moderator of the UFMCC is a leader and innovator of Christian Social Action. What is UFMCC's history in this area and what about its future activities? How does UFMCC respond to the Religious Radicals, and what can local churches do to stand up to those who claim Christianity as their own personal turf.

Building Bridges

Ms. Margie Walker

This workshop will explore some of the differences and similarities between the Lesbian and Gay Male Communities and how our UFMCC churches can become a place of bonding and not a place of separation. Margie Walker is the chair of the GLAD department of the UFMCC Women's Secretariat.

The Celebration of Worship

Mr. JR Finney II

Worship is a time of celebration, honoring God, Renewal and re-commitment. Creating worship that is engaging and responsive is a challenge to all of today's congregations. JR Finney, a Deacon with First MCC, is a preacher and liturgist.



WILMINGTON
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
FALL 1994

Dear Conference Delegate:

We look forward to a wonderful time of sharing, learning, worshipping and renewal, as we gather in Historic Wilmington, North Carolina for our Fall District Conference. The members of St. Jude's MCC, our host church this fall, have been very busy working with the District in creating an exciting weekend.

Enclosed are the schedules for the conference, the business meeting and information about the workshops. Other materials you will need are also enclosed. Please bring these with you. Under separate cover, the District treasurer has sent the financial report and the 1995 budget proposal. Please be certain to bring these, also.

There is an addressed post-card enclosed. You can help us by noting that you have received this packet and the treasurers material, and returning the card to the District Office. Thank you.

If you need additional information or special assistance connected with the conference, please contact my office. Either I or Ms. Beverly Madding will be glad to help in anyway we can, or contact St. Jude's MCC 919-762-5833.

To get to the Wilmington Hilton from I 40: Turn Right onto 17 South (Market Street). Continue on Market until you come to the river, and turn right onto Water Street (a brick road). Go two blocks and hotel is on your left. Have a safe trip. God Bless you.

Jay Deely

Gulf Lower Atlantic District-UFMCC
Post Office Box 101473
Birmingham, AL 35210
October 4, 1994

Dear Clergy and Lay Delegates &
Official Observers!

Enclosed are the GLAD financial reports for the period ending September 30, 1994. These are the reports that will be considered for approval at the Fall District Conference in Wilmington, North Carolina. Please be sure to bring these reports with you to the conference.

Also enclosed is a proposed budget for the 1995 calendar year. This will also be considered at the Fall District Conference.

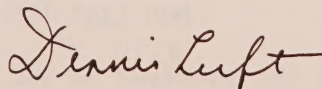
Tithe Income for 1994 is projected at \$47,000 which is 8.8% above the budgeted figure of \$43,200. I have proposed a budgeted figure of \$51,700 for 1995, which is a 10% increase from the 1994 projected figure of \$47,000. Church growth continues throughout the District. New works were recently recognized in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The District Committee has approved St. Jude's M.C.C. (Wilmington, NC) for commissioned church status and has recommended Christ Covenant M.C.C. (Stone Mountain, Ga) for chartered church status. In addition Christ Covenant M.C.C. and Covenant M.C.C. (Birmingham, AL) have reached the 100-member level for the first time this year. Other revenue sources should be about the same for 1995, except that interest earned on savings accounts should be slightly more due to increasing interest rates.

On the expense side, I have proposed a 11% increase in District Coordinator's Compensation. The District Committee will be investigating ways to provide this increase through non-taxable benefits. Although the projected amount of travel expenses is a good bit less than the budgeted amount, I am proposing no decrease in the Travel Expenses line. I am proposing an increase in the Communications line to reflect actual 1994 experience. I have added to the budget "Contribution to Student Clergy Fund" and "Contribution to New Works Fund". This year these funds were provided by an allocation of 20% each from net revenues of district conferences. The increase in the Administrative Assistant line reflects an increase in the hours compensated by the district to 15 hours per week at the rate of \$6.00 per hour.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions regarding the financial reports or the proposed budget, please feel free to contact me or any of the members of the District Committee.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Wilmington!

God Bless!



Dennis Luft, Treasurer
Gulf Lower Atlantic District

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE XIX

Wilmington, NC

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Kristina Jackson, St. Mary's MCC

CALL OF THE ROLL Lay & Clergy Delegates, District Committee,
Acknowledgment of Observers & Guests

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES (Tri-Cities)
2. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIONS
 - A. August 19 & 20, 1994 (Atlanta) B. Nov. 10 & 11, 1994 (Wilmington)
3. DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S REPORT
4. TREASURER'S REPORT
5. OTHER DISTRICT REPORTS (AS NEEDED)
6. PROGRAM REPORTS
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. 1995 Budget
 - B. By-Law Change proposal from MCC Charleston regarding location of the Fall District Conferences
 - C. ELECTION OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
 1. CLERK *Sharon*
 2. TREASURER *Dennis*
 3. CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE (By Clergy House/affirmed by Lay House)
 - D. ELECTION OF DCRC MEMBER (remaining year of Rev. Tam Schultz's term)
 - ALT.*
E. CLERGY REP TO ELD Non Comm
 - F. CLERGY FFO REP.
9. APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE SITE FOR SPRING 1996
Nashville, Tenn.
10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FALL 1996
 11. Chemical Dep.
 12. DPOC
 13. Women
- CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Bev Stephenson, MCC Montgomery

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Proposed Resolution on Chemical Dependency

*Sent to
Gen Conf-*

We believe chemical dependency is an illness which is primary, progressive and chronic. It can be fatal.

We believe there to be no known cure for chemical dependency, but that it is treatable and recovery is possible.

Of all the agencies and organizations involved in society's misnamed "war on drugs," the church has the most significant role and the greatest opportunity to make a difference.

The use of alcohol and other drugs points to an inescapable spiritual dimension in persons' lives. Prevention, treatment and recovery efforts from destructive dependency must enter this dimension of human experience, if such efforts are to be effective.

The church's unique role is that of a catalyst, a motivator to stimulate and to challenge caring persons to examine society's critical issues from a spiritual, as opposed to moralistic, perspective.

The church is the one body in our society whose purpose is to help people deal with their spiritual needs, their needs to find welcome and acceptance, to find wholeness, self-worth, reconciliation and guidance for right living.

Everywhere and always, the church works to support the values that undergrid human community. Clergy and laity define the unique role of the church by their faithful action to revive hope in the arenas of community and personal life. Who they are makes the difference in what they do. What they do testifies to Whose they are.

UDMCC
We, as the Gulf Lower Atlantic District, should bring together a collective knowledge of positive church and community responses to drug-related issues; and offer ideas, principles, experience and guidance to assist those who strive to reduce, and prevent the personal and social cost of, destructive drug dependency.

Fellowship
We, as a District, should provide encouragement to church leaders to understand more fully that alcoholism or any other drug addiction is more than just harmful involvement with a chemical. We believe the work of the church is to recognize the many nonchemical, nonphysical characteristics or symptoms of addiction and recovery from addiction.

WE encourage our leaders to identify the spiritual aspects of dependency. One of the greatest contributions the church can make toward the reduction and prevention of harmful drug dependency is to broaden our education and awareness.

We believe more than "drug wars" is needed. The nation ^{5 of the world} will never solve the drug problem by trying to eliminate drugs, nor by treating drug abusers as if they were criminals or moral outcasts. The task of the church is to help society make the changes that enable persons to have life and to have it more abundantly.

The church as an institution must support the values that undergrid human community. The church is the firm base from which the clergy and laity alike move into the troubled arenas of community life in a positive and redemptive manner. Persons of faith cannot overlook the spiritual renewal that their involvement in their community offers.

The church should provide content and a context for one's encounter with God. It offers food for the journey. In dealing with problems of drug abuse and chemical dependency we are dealing with basic problems of philosophy, faith and theology.

WE SHOULD **ASSESS** OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY.

WE SHOULD BECOME **AWARE** OF OUR NEEDS, THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE SHOULD **ACT** AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OUT OF ATTENTIVE CONCERN.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMDC
OPERATING BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1995

Passed

	EXPENSES					SOURCES			
	*****					*****			
	1994 BUDGET ACTUAL		1994 BUDGET PROJECTED	1995 BUDGET PROPOSED		1994 BUDGET	1994 PROJECTED	1995 PROPOSED	
	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	PROJECTED	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	
DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S COMPENSATION *(\$1,125 SALARY, \$750 HOUSING ALLOWANCE, \$375 MEDICAL INSURANCE) **	\$2,250 *	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$2,500 **	\$30,000	\$43,200	\$47,000	\$51,700	CHURCH TITHES
OFFICE -- REIMBURSEMENT	100	1,200	600	100	1,200	5,000	2,700	5,000	NET DISTRICT CONFERENCE REVENUE
TRAVEL EXPENSES - DISTRICT OFFICERS WITHIN DISTRICT	550	6,600	5,500	550	6,600	0	1,000	1,000	AT-LARGE OFFERINGS
COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE, POSTAGE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, PRINTING & PHOTOCOPYING	375	4,500	6,600	500	6,000	500	300	400	SAVINGS INTEREST
GENERAL COUNCIL EXPENSES - DISTRICT COORDINATOR	100	1,200	900	100	1,200	2,100	0	1,100	DEFICIT SPENDING (SAVINGS DRAIN)
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES - FFO, COL, DPOC/WPHR, WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT	358	4,300	4,400	333	4,000				
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS OTHER THAN DURING DISTRICT CONFERENCES	125	1,500	1,100	125	1,500				
CHURCH ASSISTANCE	125	1,500	1,400	125	1,500				
CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT CLERGY FUND	0	0	0	100	1,200				
CONTRIBUTION TO NEW WORKS FUND	0	0	0	100	1,200				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	250	3,000	3,000	400	4,800				
	\$4,233	\$50,800	\$50,500	\$4,933	\$59,200	\$50,800	\$51,000	\$59,200	

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2010 Hawthorne Dr. # 10
North Charleston, SC 29418

PASTOR MARY M. MOORE
803/747-6736

TO: GLAD District Committee
FROM: MCC, Charleston
DATE: July 18, 1994
SUBJECT: CHANGE TO THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES OF GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

MCC, Charleston would like to submit the following change to the GLAD standard operating procedures for consideration:

Article VI, Section B:

CURRENT:

The location for District Conference will be determined by the District Conference eighteen (18) months in advance.

PROPOSED:

The location of the **spring** District Conference will be determined by the District Conference eighteen (18) months in advance. The **autumn** District Conference will be held in Atlanta each year.

RATIONAL:

Due to the growth in our district, and the subsequent growth of our district conferences it is becoming increasingly difficult to find adequate and reasonable accommodations for our conferences. Because of its size and the number of conventions held there, Atlanta has more places from which to choose.

Atlanta is somewhat centrally located in the district which spreads the traveling distance out among the different churches instead of making churches travel long distances to attend conference.

Atlanta has an international airport which generally makes it a less expensive flight than flying into a smaller airport for those who wish to fly.

There are three MCC's currently in the Metropolitan Atlanta area. This provides a much larger pool of people to assist in making arrangements for the conference.

The autumn District Conference was selected because there is generally more business done in the autumn than in the spring. A centrally located conference would hopefully mean that more people could attend and participate in the business of the district.

NOTE: Since locations have already been selected for the 1994 and 1995 autumn conferences, this SOP change would not go into effect until the autumn 1996 District Conference.

James Stelling

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT - UFMCC
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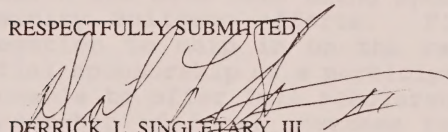
GREETING IN THE NAME OF OUR CREATOR

1994 HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING YEAR IN THE DPOC/WPHR. WE HAVE A VERY EXCITING YEAR IN THE DPOC/WPHR. WE HAVE HAD FOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN OF THE RAINBOW PROMISE CONFERENCE. THE YEAR GOT OFF TO A GREAT START BY HOSTING FOUR CONFERENCE. THE FIRST CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT ST. JOHN'S OF RALEIGH THE WEEKEND OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR CELEBRATION. THEN WE CONTINUED ON OVER TO FEBRUARY WHERE WE HOSTED AT MCC CHARLESTON. LATER, IN MARCH WE HOSTED TWO MORE CONFERENCES ONE IN GULF COAST MCC THEN LATER ONE AT FAMILY OF GOD IN COLUMBUS GA.

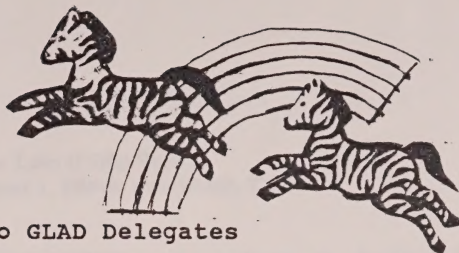
WE HAD TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN DALLAS AT THE DPOC/WPHR CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL OF HOPE. WE HAVE HAD A VERY EXCITING YEAR SPREADING THE NEWS OF OUR CHILDREN OF THE RAINBOW CONFERENCE. THAT WAS DEVELOPED WITHIN THE G.L.A.D. IT WAS DEVELOPED BY OUR VERY OWN DARYL WALKER, GLENNA SHEAPARD AND POLLY IRELAND.

THIS IS A REPORT SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE G.L.A.D. DPOC/WPHR FOR THE 1994 ACTIVITIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



DERRICK L. SINGLEARY, III
DPOC CHAIRPERSON



EXCEL Report to GLAD Delegates

It is with the greatest excitement that EXCEL of the Rainbow Zebra again reports to the delegates of the various congregations which make up this District that your very own EXCEL team is still progressing along the course we believe the Holy Spirit has laid out for us.

We gave a second very successful weekend in August of 1994 at the same location as our first, Camp McDowell in Jasper, AL. From this weekend we graduated over forty participants, many from the Birmingham and Atlanta areas, but we had a good showing of participants from Tennessee and North Carolina as well. It is as a result of the enthusiastic support from the Northeastern part of GLAD that we are now looking forward to a third weekend to be held at Camp Mikell in Toccoa, GA. This weekend is scheduled for March 31-April 2. Although the cost is a bit higher, we are still planning to offer the weekend for less than \$100 per participant. We are encouraging the churches in North and South Carolina and Tennessee to get as many people involved as possible. This will enable us to continue to look for sites and try to schedule future weekends in this area.

The Rainbow Zebra team is also asking everyone's support in fundraising again. We gave as many scholarships as we could for the previous two weekends, and as a result have very low funds for the more expensive third weekend coming up. We are again raffling a quilt at District Conference. This quilt is serving a double benefit, because it was purchased from the women in the Dominican Republic who have been being sponsored by MCC Tampa and the World Community Builders efforts. Please encourage members of your delegation to chip in on the raffle, and in addition, consider partial sponsorship of a participant. We have decided that we will be unable to offer full scholarships for the next weekend, so the sponsorship of local churches for their candidates will be very important.

Although with the departure of Janet and Julie Suess-Pierce to the Northwest District at the end of the summer our team lost two vital and important members, we are looking forward to training new people for this upcoming weekend. The way individuals join the team is to first attend an EXCEL weekend, then participate in a second weekend with the Rainbow Zebras as a "Friend", and then, if they feel called to this ministry, begin full-scale training. If you want to talk more about EXCEL, we'd be delighted to share with you!

---Trudie Barreras, Team Facilitator

Commission on the Laity (COL) Report
Meeting held July 30 - August 1, 1994 in Fort Worth, TX

COL met for three days before the Leadership and DPOC/WPHR meeting in Texas. The districts that were able to send representatives were the Eastern and Western Canadian District, Southeast District, Southwest District, Great Lakes District, Mid Atlantic District, South Central District, Mid Central District, Northeast District and Gulf Lower Atlantic District. Our Liaison Elder, Rev. Willem Hein was also in attendance with us as well as Elder Larry Rodriques. The meeting was led by Jonee Shelton, chair of COL and held at Agape MCC, Fort Worth, TX.

The topic of sexual ethics and sexual conduct seemed to be one of the hot topics for this meeting. Rev. Carolyn Mabey of the CCCC (Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee) came and spoke to us during our meeting to listen to our concerns. We also discussed with her the procedure of licensing clergy in our fellowship. Is there a criminal background check? Are references called? Do we ask and find out why they left the church or district they were previously with? Rev. Mabey said that she would take our concerns and questions back to the CCCC for discussion.

Representatives from EXCEL also came to meet with us. We recognize the fact that EXCEL and COL are the only lay movements in the fellowship. We discussed possible team building with the two groups. We are scheduling to have some of our reps meet with EXCEL prior to general conference in 1995 to talk about how to better serve each other and the fellowship.

Our district will be in charge of overseeing the COL booth in the general store at General Conference in Atlanta, GA. Our day to staff the store is the first Monday of the conference. Please see me if you are interested in helping. This year we will be doing signature hankies of the elders as well as t-shirts with "Church of the Holy Acronym" as one of the logos.

One of the items that the group and General Council is very excited about is Lay Recognition. We came up with three categories for these awards: Lay Service, Lay Leadership and Lay Faithfulness. These were mailed out in September to all lay delegates, pastors and pastoral leaders. If you did not receive your package, please see me. The awards will be presented at General Conference in Atlanta. Recommendations are being collected through June 1, 1995.

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson presented us with a challenge to try and send some of our representatives to the Australia conference in 1997. We accepted the challenge and will be helping to fund Jonee Shelton (chair) to go as well as to provide for her to be able to visit other churches while she is there.

COL will also host "Orientation to 1995 General Conference". This will help people new delegates get orientated to the procedures of the business part of general conference. This workshop is open to all delegates, new and experienced.

Our next meeting will be held before General Conference in Atlanta, GA, July 22, 1995.

Submitted by,

Wanda Y. Floyd
GLAD Lay Representative

GLAD Faith, Fellowship and Order Report

When first elected as GLAD Clergy Representative to Faith, Fellowship and Order, I asked previous representatives what my responsibilities would be, what to expect at FFO meetings and what resources FFO has. FFO has and is undergoing some changes and is itself trying to make such information more available to the fellowship. As your representative at the 1994 meeting of FFO prior to Leadership Conference at Dallas this summer, I gained the following insights, information and resources.

Faith, Fellowship and Order has a long history of developing studies and workshops for use in our districts and local communities. This is to help us as a denomination to do "grassroots theologizing" - for the people to get involved in developing, naming and claiming our beliefs. A major portion of the FFO meeting time was spent going through everything that we could identify (and get hard copies for) to create a resource list. I have a draft copy of this list which you may ask to see. We hope to have a full list of all that is available ready for General Conference in Atlanta. We also discussed making hard copies of some workshops and studies available through Church Services. That possibility is being explored by another member of the committee at this time.

I was disappointed that our lay representative failed to attend. There were two lay representatives present and they had much to contribute to our process. One of our tasks at each meeting is to test proposed "workshops" for use in the fellowship. This also means that we are then "experienced" with what is offered and can bring them back to our districts if they are ready for use.

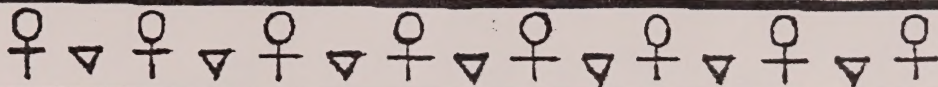
A new structure for FFO is being developed. In an effort to address the reality that most districts do not fully fund their FFO representatives, a structural and meeting change is being proposed for action by General Conference. By forming a smaller group of Core Commissioners composed of the chair and four members elected by FFO, our hope is to adapt to the reality that most FFO commissioners (representatives) do not come to FFO meetings in non-conference years.

The underwrite this, FFO will ask for a significant increase for travel expenses for Core Commissioners in the 1995 UFMCC Budget and will also ask each district to budget (give) an additional \$200.00 for this specific need. I am not sure if the extra \$200.00 is for every year or just for even numbered years, the years between General Conferences, since Core Commissioners may be district representatives or not. District FFO representatives are still welcomed at and encouraged to come to meetings of FFO in non-conference years as that is when the agenda is planned for the next meeting, forum ideas developed and workshop testing continues. What this additional Core Commissioner funding will do is enable our Core Commissioners (CCs) to come to all meetings - our international CCs, those whose districts do not adequately fund their FFO representative expenses and those CCs who may not be district FFO representatives.

Another twist to the restructure and its implications for our GLAD budget is my election as a Core Commissioner to fill a vacant position - it happened to be the one Wanda Floyd was elected to last year. If I am re-elected as a CC next year (to a term that may be for 2 to 6 years) and if this interim FFO structure is adopted permanently, GLAD may need to discuss what all of this means for us and for our FFO budgeted expenses. Janet Suess-Pierce and Felicia Fontaine, previous GLAD FFO representatives, have led GLAD to become a model and leader in its support of FFO by budgeting full funding for GLAD FFO representative expenses. I hope that we keep this example which was the envy of all other representatives at FFO this year!

Rev. Helene H. Loper
GLAD Clergy Representative to Faith, Fellowship and Order
October, 1994

The Women's Secretariat



The GLAD Women's Secretariat (TWS) had a great year. We have gain momentum in the District as a viable program by raising our visibility and connecting to many women in GLAD congregations.

Local Church Liaisons

TWS has created local TWS liaisons in 90% of the churches in GLAD. These liaison will be contacts for the distribution of information about women's issues.

Women's Day

In May of 1994 TWS hosted a Women's Day at St. John's MCC in Raleigh, NC. Eleven women attended Women's Day which offered workshops on Feminist Theology, Self Esteem and Anger. Although attendance was low, we felt that this Women's Day was very empowering for the women who did attend. TWS is looking forward to hosting a second Women's Day in Atlanta in 1995.

Women's Banner

We also created a banner to encourage District Conference attendance from women in the local churches. TWS feels that District Conference is an important tool in the leadership development of GLAD women. The banner was created to increase enthusiasm for District Conference at the local church level.

Leadership Conference

Margie Walker attended the Leadership Conference in Dallas TX in August of 1994. While at the Leadership Conference Margie got an opportunity to connect with other District TWS representatives and with the leadership of TWS at the fellowship level. These contacts will strengthen GLAD's TWS and will enhance UFMCC's TWS since GLAD is the host of General Conference 1995.

...AND WE'RE G.L.A.D.

—Gulf Lower Alantic District—

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be GLAD in it." Psalms 118:24

GLAD District Committee Report (Nov. 93-Nov. 94)

Date	Church/Place	Member	Purpose of Trip
Nov. 11-12, 1993	Augusta	all members	District Committee meetings
Nov. 12-14, 1993	Augusta	all members	District Conference
Nov. 93	High Country	Sharon	Participated in worship
Dec. 4, 1993	St. Mary's	Cassi	Rev. Oscar's 10th anniversary celebration
Jan. 2, 1994	MCC TriCities	Cassi	Preached and moderated Cong. meeting
Feb. 12, 1994	Atlanta	all members	District Committee meeting
Mar. 11-13, 1994	MCC Jackson	Cassi & Reid	Ministry of Reconciliation
Apr. 28-29, 1994	Tri-Cities	all members	District Committee meetings
Apr. 29-May 1	Tri-Cities	all members	District Conference
May 21, 1994	St. John's	Cassi	Attended TWS Women's Day
May 22, 1994	St. John's	Cassi	Attended worship
June 2, 1994	Covenant	Cassi	Attended Rev. Cliff Morrison's funeral
July 10, 1994	Myrtle Beach	Wanda	Preached
Aug. 19-20, 1994	Atlanta	all members	District Committee meeting
Aug. 21, 1994	Christ Covenant	Wanda	Attended worship
July 29-Aug. 1	Dallas	Wanda	Commission On Laity meeting
Aug. 1-4, 1994	Dallas	Wanda & Reid	UFMCC Leadership Conference
Aug. 5-7, 1994	Dallas	Wanda	Department of People Of Color Conference
Sep. 4, 1994	High Country	Wanda	Preached
Oct. 2, 1994	Myrtle Beach	Wanda	Preached
Nov. 10-11, 1994	Wilmington	all members	District Committee meetings
Nov. 11-13, 1994	Wilmington	all members	District Conference

**GLAD DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10 and 11, 1994 - WILMINGTON, NC**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Jay Neely, Rev. Reid Christensen, Dennis Luft, Cassi Wylie, Wanda Floyd and Sharon Lindenbaum

ITEM: Delegate Rolls: Committee reviewed names of voting Delegates from Lay Representative's list and the new District Directory. Appropriate changes made.

ITEM: Call of the Roll: In order to accomodate the increasing numbers of voting Delegates and conserve time, the Clerk will devise a sign in system for the Official Roll for the next Conference.

ITEM: Committee Reports: In the future, the District Committee will receive and review all Program Reports. These reports will then become part of the District Committee actions and will be incorporated into the minutes. All voting Delegates will be sent copies of the Program Reports.

ITEM: District Elections: Elections to be held Nov. 12, 1994 for the following District Committee positions: TREASURER, CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT CLERK. Also, election for DCRC Member to fill remaining term of Rev. Tam Schult. Election will also be needed for FFO Clergy Representative and Clergy Rep. for the Elder's Nominating Committee.

ITEM: Committee Assignments: Review of work assignments for District Committee for conference. Worship-Reid and Cassi; Facilities - Dennis and Wanda; Press - Cassi; Security - Margie Walker and Wanda; Local Committee Liaison - Cassi; Communications - Sharon.

ITEM: District Liaisons: Discussion only concerning the responsibilities of these positions. Wanda will continue to work with Liaisons.

ITEM: Church Planting Committee: Carol Couch has resigned as Chair of this Committee. The District Committee recognizes with thanks and gratitude the wonderful work she has done in this position.

ITEM: Memphis, TN: There will be an informational meeting Nov. 27, 1994 concerning the formation of a new MCC in Memphis. Jay will be present and facilitate the meeting.

ITEM: District Coordinator's Report-Overview of Churches: Verbal report concerning the status of our churches. The District is doing extremely well. We now

have 7 churches with over 100 members. North Carolina now has 9 churches. We presently have 30 churches in the District.

We thank God for our growth in spirit and in numbers and for providing us the opportunity to spread the Good News to all people.

ITEM:Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dennis. The District is presently at budget. Some churches are in arrears and these situations are being addressed..

Motion by Dennis second by Wanda to increase per diem to \$25.00 per day and increase mileage to \$.29 per mile. This is in keeping with GLAD policy. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Dennis and second by Reid to provide District Coordinator's Housing Allowance for 1995 for \$750.00 per month. This is part of the total compensation package for the District Coordinator. This is reviewed annually, as required by the IRS.

The budget for 1995 was presented. New Works Contribution is now a line item. Motion by Dennis and second by Cassi to recommend the new budget to the conference. This was unanimously approved.

ITEM:Churches in Arrears: Churches will be notified by letter that current tithes must be paid and a plan presented concerning past tithes. Churches must send their monthly reports to the District.

ITEM:Winston-Salem, NC- New Work: MCC Winston-Salem recognized as a New Work effective September 29, 1994.

ITEM:Family of God MCC: Committee discussed on-going developments at the church. Request for reimbursement to Rev. Liz Leech to assist with moving has been received. The request is for \$250.00. Motion to approve by Reid and second by Cassi. This was unanimously approved.

ITEM:Request for New Work Status from Fellowship of Love Christian Church, Columbus, GA. Dennis moved to deny application for New Work status. Second by Reid. Motion was unanimously passed.

ITEM:District Task Force on Growth and Service: Discussion concerning how to form this Task Force. This Committee would bring reports and recommendations to the District Committee. District Committee members will work on this and provide ideas and suggestions at the February District Committee meeting.

ITEM:MCC Augusta Review Packet: Packet was received and review has been completed. Motion by Cassi and second by Reid to approve packet. Motion unanimously approved.

ITEM:Risk Management: This has been adopted by the General Council and will be reflected in the minutes from the Fellowship. Policy was explained to the District Committee by the District Coordinator.

ITEM:Review of Conference Plans:

Montgomery Spring 1995: Hotel has been secured and plans are going well

Asheville Fall 1995: Hotel has been secured and we have begun working on this.

ITEM:Suite Recommendation for Spring 1996 Conference: The District Committee will recommend Nashville, TN to the Conference for Spring, 1996.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM. COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN NOVEMBER 11, 1994 at 9:00 AM.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING CONTINUED
NOVEMBER 11, 1994

All Members Present. Meeting began 9:00 AM.

ITEM:GLAD/Samaritan: Situation has improved and we are able to work together very well.

ITEM:Rural Ministry: Sharon and Dennis met with Rev. Bob Galloway concerning this proposal. Motion by Sharon to recognize the Rural Outreach Project with Rev. Bob Galloway as Project Coordinator. This Project is accountable to the District Committee and will be reviewed annually. Second by Dennis. Motion unanimously approved. Sharon will notify Bob.

ITEM:Approval of Lay Pastors: Motion by Dennis and second by Wanda to approve the following Pastors for one year: Pastor Mary Moore, Pastor Chuck Thompson, Pastor Kathi Beall, Rev'd. Randy Votsch. Motion second by Wanda. This was approved by the Committee.

ITEM:CCCC Proposal on Credentialing: The CCCC will meet in February. Anyone having any comments or concerns about this Proposal should contact the CCCC as soon as possible.

ITEM:Church Planting Committee: Moved by Cassi and second by Wanda to appoint Rev. Bob Galloway to the

position of Chair of this Committee for one year to complete the two year term of the previous Chair. Unanimously approved.

ITEM:Future Conference Considerations: Wanda will work on ideas and suggestions concerning consideration for those who put special effort in working with and for District Conferences. This will be discussed at the March District Committee meeting.

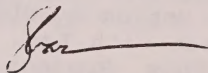
ITEM:Church Reviews for 1995: All churches, including Chartered Churches, will be reviewed in the coming year. Packets MUST be returned BEFORE May 1, 1995. Reviews will be completed by the District Committee at the August Committee meeting. As of this date, the Committee will have 30 reviews to complete. Dennis will review all financial reports for the churches. Jay will review all By-Laws for the Chartered Churches. The remaining Committee Members will review all church packets.

ITEM:Parliamentarian: Jay requested that Sharon serve in this position during the Business meeting.

ITEM:District Committee Meeting: The Committee will meet in Atlanta, Ga., March 4, 1995. Committee members are to check their schedules to make sure this date will be convenient for everyone.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER.

Respectfully Submitted by



Sharon Lindenbaum
Clerk of the District

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19 & 20, 1994 --ATLANTA, GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Jay Neely, Dennis Luft, Rev. Reid Christensen, Sharon Lindenbaum. Cassi Wylie arrived after we began preliminary work on the church reviews.

It was noted that the District Committee deeply appreciates the excellent manner in which these reviews were written as well as the timely manner in which they were sent.

ITEM: CHRIST COVENANT MCC REQUEST FOR CHARTER: Charter packet was well done and concise. There were a few minor changes to be corrected as well as a plan for the Pastor's salary to be in full compliance with new UFMCC by-laws by mid-1995. Jay will contact the church concerning these matters. Voted to unanimously approve Christ Covenant for Charter effective Nov. 1, 1994.

ITEM: ST. JUDE'S MCC REQUEST FOR COMMISSION: Packet was well done and informative. The church shows to be a mature worshipping body with good strong leadership. Page 7 of by-laws contains information on children within the church. Children referred to as "disciples". Committee was very impressed with this attention to the needs of the children. Dennis will contact the church concerning financial information. Vote will be taken 8-20-94 for status with full Committee.

ITEM: FAMILY OF GOD MCC REVIEW: Slight increase in both membership and offerings. Church is doing well and working very hard. Liz will be moving soon and this will help them in many ways. Review packet approved unanimously.

ITEM: MCC MONTGOMERY REVIEW: Excellent packet. By-laws need to be corrected and updated. Sharon and Jay went over these at great length and will contact the church for appropriate changes. Dennis will contact the church concerning financial issues. The church is doing extremely well. Packet approved unanimously.

ITEM: CHATANOOGA MCC REVIEW: Packet was well done. Need copy of Pastor's Contract. Church is growing and maturing. Working hard to meet their goals. Packet was approved unanimously.

ITEM: MCC HICKORY REVIEW: Packet was done well and shows the growth of the church. Church is constant in their efforts, worship and commitment. Packet was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 9:00 PM.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING CONTINUED
AUGUST 20, 1994 - ATLANTA, GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Jay Neely, Dennis Luft, Rev. Reid Christensen, Cassi Wylie, Wanda Floyd, Sharon Lindenbaum.

OPENING PRAYER

COMMITTEE SHARING

ITEM: BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS DAY: Committee went over all business from 8-19-94 briefly to update everyone. Church reviews, etc., discussed.

ITEM: TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Dennis Luft. Some churches have been late with tithes and there are some delinquent tithes. Dennis is handling this. We are presently 2% over budget. This is not a problem and the District is in fine shape. Dennis is working on the new budget. Committee Members are to send ideas, etc., to Dennis within the next month for the new budget.

Treasurer's Report was accepted with no opposition.

ITEM: MCC AUGUSTA CHURCH REVIEW: We did not receive any review packet. Cassi has been in contact with the church and is working with them. No committee action taken.

ITEM: MCC GREENVILLE REVIEW: The review packet was very good. Excellent goals. Large budget increase 1993 to 1994. The church is growing and doing well. Contract was dated 10-93 to expire 12-93. We will contact to see if this was a typing error. Packet was unanimously approved.

ITEM: MCC MYRTLE BEACH REVIEW: No packet received. Jay is in contact with the church and will be working with them. He will visit there next weekend. Christine will be preaching there tomorrow morning. No action taken.

ITEM: MCC GULFCOAST: No review packet needed. They were excused since the church was recently commissioned.

ITEM: MCC MOBILE REVIEW: Excellent packet. Church is very healthy and doing well. Need a few minor corrections in by-laws and an attachment on contract for salary. Reid will contact the church concerning these matters. Packet was unanimously approved.

ITEM:MCC ASHEVILLE REVIEW:Very good packet and very good goals. The church is doing very well with signs of growth and maturity. Reid will send letter to the church. Packet unanimously approved.

ITEM:MCC OF THE HIGH COUNTRY:This is a New Work. Presently working on increasing attendance and reaching out into the community. Sharon explained that St. Mary's will continue to try to assist when possible. Presently working on trying to combine some social activities. Sharon plans a visit in Sept. and Wanda will be going over Labor Day. Packet approved with no opposition. Wanda will send letter to the church.

ITEM:COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP MCC REVIEW:Good packet with very good goals. Need to be specific on inclusiveness. Church is a New Work. Committee needs to know if there have been any changes in SOPs. Packet unanimously approved.

ITEM:MCC OF THE TRI-CITIES:The church is doing well and growing. Packet was very good. Packet approved with no opposition.

ITEM:MCC COASTAL GEORGIA REVIEW:No packet received. Church is a Parish Extension under Charleston. No packet required. No action taken.

ITEM:COVENANT MCC REVIEW:Dennis will take care of financial review. Very good goals. Church is working and growing. Covenant has been through a very difficult time with the death of Rev. Cliff Morrison. The family continues to show spiritual maturity and commitment. Packet unanimously approved.

ITEM:MCC JACKSON REVIEW:Two packets were sent to the District Committee. We accepted Clay's packet. Wanda will do follow-up letter to the church. Packet unanimously approved.

ITEM:ST. JUDE'S MCC: Committed voted to approve Commission Status effective 8-20-94. Committee also voted to approve Kathi Beall as Pastor effective August 20, 1994. Both votes were approved unanimously.

ITEM:DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S REPORT: No written report.

Jay presented verbal report on churches during reviews, etc.

ITEM: PROCESS FOR CHARTER CHURCH REVIEWS: Review of all Chartered Churches due in 1995. Sharon will work on the packet for this. We will need accomplishments for the past year, long and short range goals, financial report for past two years. Will need information on inclusivity as to what the churches are doing in terms of ethnic minorities. Will need budget information, Pastor's contract, and current by-laws. Incorporation papers, if this is the church status. Churches not at salary level will need to provide a plan for this.

In order for Committee to complete all church reviews in 1995, we will begin meeting at 4:00 pm Friday, in August. Committee will meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday, if necessary.

ITEM:UFMCC REPORT ON GROWTH: GLAD is the fastest growing District in the Fellowship.

ITEM: BY-LAWS CHANGES AND REVIEWS FROM MAY CONFERENCE:Dennis provided corrected information. These will be added to our by-laws and mailed at a later date.

ITEM:CONFERENCE PROPOSAL FROM CHARLESTON: Received copy of proposal from Charleston to present at the next conference. The proposal is to have every Autumn District Conference in Atlanta. The Spring Conference would be determined 18 months in advance by the District Committee.

This proposal will be sent forward at the Fall Conference without recommendation from the District Committee.

ITEM:CODE OF ETHICS:Discussion only. UFMCC is continuing to work on a Code of Ethics.

ITEM: UFMCC CREDENTIALING PROCESS:Many changes have been proposed and investigated for credentialing. Information has gone out to the Fellowship for input everyone has been encouraged to contact CCCC with ideas and opinions.

ITEM:RURAL MINISTRIES PROPOSAL: Received from Rev. Bob Galloway. Proposal was discussed by Committee. Due to questions raised, this was tabled. Dennis and Sharon will contact Bob to clear up questions and obtain better understanding of proposal.

ITEM:CHURCH PLANTING AND DISTRICT EXPANSION:Discussion only. Committee did discuss Memphis, Tn. There is no MCC there and Ethan Pruitt has resigned from his church.

ITEM:NC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:Motion by Sharon to send a \$100 contribution to the council. Second by Reid. Unanimously approved.

ITEM:WILMINGTON CONFERENCE: All is going well for the Conference. Dates are Nov. 11, 12, 13, 1994.

ITEM:CONFERENCE IN MONTGOMERY AND ASHEVILLE:Plans made for both cities. Jay has been to the hotels and is working on the contracts. Committee agreed to sign contract in Asheville and send \$500 deposit six months prior to conference date.

ITEM:GLAD/SAMARITAN:Information only. We do need a written policy concerning payment for classes, etc. Dennis will contact John concerning this.

ITEM:COL AWARDS:Both Wanda and Jay will send out information for the COL Awards. Three awards and plaques will be given out. This is all handled by COL.

ITEM:PROGRAM BUDGETS:We need to encourage all Programs to submit their budget requests in advance. We also need feed back concerning the expenditures of the programs to show what the Department has done. Written reports could be placed in the Fall Conference Packets.

ITEM:ELECTIONS: Elections will be in November for the positions of Clerk of the District, Treasurer, and Clergy Representative. Sharon will send out a letter to the District concerning these elections. Dennis, Sharon and Reid will all run again for these positions.

ITEM:NASHVILLE MCC REVIEW:Packet received late. We need to see if there are any by-laws changes. Cassi will

contact the church. Moved to accept the review packet.
Approved with no opposition.

ITEM: SURVEY FORM: Cassi will draft a survey form to be placed in Conference Packets.

ITEM: COVENANT MCC: It was unanimously approved to appoint Rev. Marge Ragona as Pastor of Covenant.

ITEM: DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING: Committee will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10, 1994 at 9:00 AM. This will be an all day meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER AT 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon Lindenbaum,
Clerk of the District

Passed

GLAD DISTRICT CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 30, 1994 - TRI-CITIES, TN.

INVOCATION: Ms. Betsy Mulcahy, MCC Gulfcoast

CALL OF THE ROLL

RECOGNITION OF NEWLY LICENSED CLERGY: Rev. Christine Oscar presented the following newly licensed Clergy to the Conference: Rev. Bev Stephenson, Rev. Chip Carson, Rev. Cliff Morrison, Rev. Glenna Shepherd, Rev. Jim Richards, Rev. Becky Edwards.

ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Amended to add "Other New Business". Motion by Rev. Tam Schult. Second by Rev. Rembert Truluck. Passed with no opposition.

ITEM: Approval of Fall Conference Minutes. Motion by Rev. Bob Darst. Second by Paul Law. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM: Report of District Committee Actions:

1. February 12, 1994 (Atlanta). Motion by Rev. Tam Schult. Second by Keith Mason. Approved with no opposition.

2. April 28 and 29, 1994 (Tri-Cities). Moved by Rev. Tam Schult. Second by Keith Mason. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM: District Coordinator's Report: Moved by Rev. Bev Stephenson. Second by B.R. Reeves. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM: Treasurer's Report: Submitted for approval by Dennis Luft. Second by Rev. Chip Carson. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM: Program Reports:

COL: Written report was distributed. Moved by J.R. Finney. Second by Dayna Foster. Approved with no opposition.

WOMAN'S SECRETARIAT: Written report moved by Rev. Polly Ireland. Second by B. R. Reeves. Approved with no opposition.

DPOC REPORT: Moved by Paul Law. Second by J.R. Finney. Passed with no opposition.

EXCEL: Moved by J.R. Finney. Second by Tina

Jackson. Passed with no opposition.

ITEM:By Law Proposal 1: Add to Article IX. Approval and Amendment of These Powers: add "for approval" after the words "official observers". Moved by Cassi Wylie. Second by Rev. Bob Darst. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM:By law Proposal 2: Proposal B, Article VIII. Amendments. Moved by Dennis Luft. Second by Paul Law. The words "for approval" to be added to the end of Part B. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM:Standards Proposal 1. To replace Article II.A.2.f., dealing with minimum full-time salary and housing allowance for pastors of Chartered Churches. Moved by Dennis Luft. Second by Keith Mason. Eight people were opposed to this. Five in the Lay House and three in the Clergy House. Votes for this carried for approval.

ITEM:Standards Proposal 2. To replace Article II.B.2.b., dealing with minimum salary and housing allowance for pastors of Commissioned Churches. Moved by Dennis Luft. Second by Tim Martin. There were six people opposed to this. Three in the Lay House and three in the Clergy House. Votes for this carried for approval.

ITEM:Addendum A. Church Standards dealing with compliance with Article II.A.2.f. no later than Jan. 1, 2000 for Chartered Churches and compliance with Articles II.B.2.b.(1) for Commissioned Churches no later than Jan. 1, 1998. Add "requirement which is 70 % of the". The words "compensation package" will be used. Moved by Dennis Luft and second by Keith Mason. Five people abstained; three in the Lay House and two in the Clergy House. No one opposed. Motion approved.

ITEM:Election of District Representatives:

ALTERNATE FFO REP: Dayna Foster elected. Affirmed by the Clergy House. Ms. Foster to fill unexpired term of Liz Peacock.

LAY REP. FOR ELDER'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Tim Martin elected. Ray Wilson to be the Alternate.

CLERGY REP. FOR ELDER'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Rev. Carol Couch elected. Rev. Wayne Lindsey to be the Alternate.

ITEM:Approval of Conference Site for Fall 1995:

Asheville was recommended. Moved by Rev. Nancy Brown. Second by Rev. Chip Carson. No opposition. One abstained. Motion carried.

ITEM: Recommendations for Spring 1996 Conference Site. The following sites requested consideration: Nashville, Tn., Greensboro, N.C., Charlotte, N.C., Hunstville, Al., Gulfcoast, Ms.

ITEM: Chemical Dependency Amendment - Non Binding Resolution from Lou Clemmons, St. Jude's MCC. Moved by Rev. Bob Darst. Second by Rev. Felicia Fontaine. Passed with no opposition.

ITEM: Letter from MCC Jackson presented thanking everyone for their support and prayers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Moved by Rev. Felicia Fontain. Second by Paul Law. Approved.

Closing Prayer by Rev'd. Buddy Vess.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sharon Lindenbaum, Clerk of the District

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PLEASE TOUCH



hey walked hand-in-hand along Lake Michigan. But as one of them noticed my approach, he yanked his hand free from the other's tender grasp. By the time we passed, his eyes focused somewhere beyond me, and a no-nonsense, straight ahead gait ignored the person at his side. At five years old, he did not want me to see him holding his grandmother's hand.

Likewise, in the name of religion, Christians learn early to pull away from each other lest a touch or closeness prove to be an occasion of sin. It is unfortunate that most people don't realize that this is cultural conditioning, and not Christian asceticism. The Gospels portray Jesus as a man who is touching, and willingly experiencing the touch of others, often.

With compassion, Jesus reaches to touch the leper whom everyone else avoids [Matthew 8:3]. He touches a deaf man's ears and tongue [Mark 7:33], and guides a blind man by the hand and touches his eyes [Mark 8:23-25]. Jesus grasps the hand of Peter's mother-in-law as he relieves her of fever [Matthew 8:15].

Crowds press around Jesus and beg to touch him, or at least the fringe of his clothes, because healing power comes from him [Luke 6:19; Matthew 14:36]. A woman, suffering for twelve years from constant bleeding, doesn't ask for permission, even though she will make Jesus ritually unclean. She believes, touches Jesus, and immediately experiences healing [Luke 8:43-48].

Jesus takes Jairus' daughter by the hand and restores her to her family [Matthew 8:23-26]. Overriding the laws

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of ritual purity himself, he puts his hand on the funeral bier and gives back an only son to a widowed mother [Luke 7:11-17]. When one of the disciples resorts to violence, Jesus touches the victim's wounded ear and heals him [Luke 22:47-51].

People are only beginning to understand the power of healing touch in a coldly scientific way. In A Natural History of the Senses, Diane Ackerman cites many experiments which verify that touching and being touched are therapeutic. Babies are more alert and develop better cognitive abilities years later if someone holds them more often than not.

A person's blood pressure lowers when someone touches his or her hand. Holding the hand of someone ill or elderly soothes that person. Heart attack patients who own a pet, survive longer than those who do not, because petting an animal has a healing effect. Ackerman summarizes the evidence by saying that "loving touch can improve health," but quickly adds that "the healer, the giver of touch, is simultaneously healed."

When Christians focus on the healing power of Jesus, it's easy for them to miss the sensuality of the Gospel stories in which Jesus is touching or experiencing the touch of others. Yet, Jesus' healing power does not need the sense of touch [Matthew 8:5-13; John 4:46-54], nor is it the only reason that Jesus touches.

Despite the disciples' protestations, Jesus encourages parents to bring their children to him so that he might bless them with his touch [Luke 18:15-17]. To reassure Peter, James and John, who freeze in fear at the experience of the transfiguration, Jesus needs to touch them [Matthew 17:6-8]. Jesus invites an unbelieving Thomas to touch his wounded hands and side [John 20:27,28].

When a Pharisee invites him to a formal meal, Jesus follows the custom of the day. Jesus lies, belly down, on one of the mattresses that surround a low banquet table. Supporting his upper body with one elbow, his other arm is free to reach for the food in the serving dishes.

An uninvited woman, with a well-known and tainted reputation, crashes the party and heads toward the reclining Jesus. She moistens his feet with her tears and dries them with her hair. She repeatedly kisses his feet and massages them with

perfumed oil. The host seems to be shocked more by Jesus' acceptance [perhaps pleasure?] of all this, than by the woman's audacity [Luke 7:36-50].

At another formal meal, the Last Supper, one of Jesus' followers is lying close to Jesus—so close, in fact, that all he has to do is lean back and his head is on Jesus' chest. Because this beloved disciple is seeking confidential information from Jesus about the betrayer in their midst, the story seems to suggest that this is not an unusual posture for him [John 13:23-25].



Jesus is not fearful of women or men in intimate proximity to his own body. Jesus is not misogynistic nor

homophobic. He does not expect women or men to keep their distance.

It is a simple, if overlooked fact that people have nothing other than their bodies with which to express themselves, or to understand and communicate with others. It is the particularly Christian view that God wants to communicate with people far beyond dreams, rituals and contemplation, however useful these media are. In Jesus, women and men can see, touch and understand more clearly the embodiment of God, whose image and likeness they reflect.

John's Gospel literally reads: "The word became flesh and pitched his tent among us" [John 1:14]. A loose translation might read: Jesus took on humanity and moved into the neighborhood. Why? So that people can touch the divine and feel the divine touch, which heals body and soul, and communicates abundant life.

During a Sunday service, I noticed two men across the aisle. One was leaning forward as he sat in the pew. With both elbows planted on his knees, the palms of his hands not only supported his bowed head, but cupped his ears as if to block out the communal prayer that had no awareness of his pain. The other man stood as a sentinel, with one hand constantly touching the shoulder of his grieving friend. These two men knew how to be Christian. Their touching was an occasion of grace.

The good news is that sensuality can be spiritual. In the name of Jesus, please touch! ▽

POWER BASED

In awe of divine power, which is beyond comprehension, Psalm 147 struggles to understand it anyway. While the endurance of the athlete and the military advantage of the horse impress many, the psalmist admits that these examples of strength cannot compare with God's power.

As creator, the all-powerful God decides the number of stars and names each one. God's potent word darkens the skies with rain and snow, and keeps the seasons on their course.

However, for the psalmist, a more amazing manifestation of power is divine compassion. Graciously, God draws in the outcasts, heals the brokenhearted, and lifts up the downtrodden. God provides for the security, nourishment and prosperity of people, as parents do for their children.

Divine power is focused on life, not domination; sharing goods, not hoarding them. Compassionate power is not a license for whim, but a charge for responsibility. Amazingly, God entrusts this power to people. Those who try to amass their own power, fail to experience the strength of God's steadfast love.

Some gays and lesbians lament their lack of power, particularly legal and political power. Some flaunt their power, pointing to their contribution to the arts, or to their financial clout. Other lesbians and gays need to conceal their power, especially as influential teachers or parents.

Psalm 147 challenges believers to evaluate their concept and exercise of power. Compassion, generosity and responsibility are signs that one's power is based in God. With the psalmist, this is something to marvel at. ▼



MIRROR, MIRROR

The queen was as wicked as she was beautiful. She knew that mirrors don't lie. She checked often, and liked what she saw. However, one day the mirror reflected an unacceptable truth: someone was more beautiful than she. Because the queen could not fathom this possibility, she was determined to kill Snow White.

In contrast, when most people face their own reflection, they gasp in dissatisfaction with a "O my God!" Because they cannot fathom the possibility that they are beautiful, they limit beauty to, and then kill themselves to imitate, the fashion ad models.

Somewhere between these two extremes, there is a healthy alternative. The following exercise points the way:

Pick a time when you can be undisturbed for one minute. Look into the mirror and stare at yourself for at least 30 seconds. Look at your eyes, your hair, ears, nose, mouth, cheeks. Smile. Frown. Relax your face. Then, out loud, say your name, and then say, "I love you."

If you can master this easily, look for a little more time and lots more privacy. Perhaps before you shower, look at your nude body in the mirror. Take a good look at every part of your body. Then, out loud, say your name, and then say, "I love you."

Those who judge this a silly exercise, probably find it hard to love themselves. They will never be able to love anyone else, God included, if they can't love themselves. If they don't love themselves, they can't expect others to do it for them.

It's true that mirrors don't lie, but reflection takes time: for love gives way to acceptance, and acceptance always discovers beauty--in oneself and in others. ▼

CRANES AND RIBBONS



n the morning of August 6, 1945, nearly 80,000 people in Hiroshima died instantly. Three days later, in Nagasaki, 40,000 people died in the same manner. This was the quick work of a new and powerful bomb. William Parson, one of the weapon's designers who flew on the first destructive mission, described the scene as "a black cloud of boiling dust and churning debris."

While bullying Japan into unconditional surrender, U.S. President Truman spoke of the bomb as "only a warning of things to come." Little could he have imagined the uncontrollable truth of his prediction.

The atom bomb had already demanded \$2 billion for its development, and forced cancer on the workers who tested it. With its war-time use, the atom bomb confirmed its voracious appetite for destruction.

Within a year, 60,000 more people died in Hiroshima while survivors suffered the effects of radiation for decades. From 1946-1958, the U.S.

chose the Bikini atoll as the site for further testing of atomic weapons, and forced the indigenous people from their homeland. As more countries acquired the capabilities of nuclear power, or tried to keep it from others, military budgets mushroomed and revenues for human services evaporated.

Sudako Sasaki lived in Hiroshima when the atomic bomb exploded. As the result of radiation, leukemia claimed her body ten years later. She died when she was twelve.

While in the hospital, she began making cranes from folded paper. Believing she could have her wish to return to health if she folded 1,000 paper cranes, she managed to complete 644 before she died. She also managed to stir hearts.

Today, in Hiroshima Peace Park, a statue of Sudako holding a golden crane, reminds people to make a wish for peace and work to make the wish come true. A folded paper crane is, of course, no match for an atomic bomb. Likewise, red ribbons and quilt panels are no match for the AIDS pandemic. But if they represent hearts with a voracious appetite to see their wish come true, then cranes and ribbons are only a promise of things to come. ▽

All-powerful God,
your people are still at war,
they suffer the ravages of cancer and AIDS,
and struggle to love themselves.
Where is your power?

Let me feel your touch
so I can accept myself
and trust my beauty.
Stir my heart
with compassionate dreaming
and responsible action.
Your power is within me.

AMEN!



MAKE A NOTE OF IT



The following questions might serve as starters for prayer, journal writing or discussion with a friend.

What is my experience of the sense of touch? Am I too concerned about how people interpret my touching or being touched by others? Who needs my loving touch?

Can I say honestly that I love myself? that I am beautiful? How do I feel doing the "mirror exercise?"

Where do I exercise power? Can I say that my power is based in God's power?

Do I have a wish for which I am willing to work until it comes true? How can I keep my energy focused on this wish? ▽

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THE REV. JAY NEELY, DISTRICT COORDINATOR

October 10, 1994

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

In a recent statistical study by the UFMCC, the Gulf Lower Atlantic District was number one in growth for the period 1991 to 1993. In fact, the Gulf Lower Atlantic District lead the Fellowship in growth significantly for the five year period 1988-1993. I enclosed these statistics in a recent mailing.

I have been frequently asked about "how does GLAD do it?". My response is that God is blessing us, because the women and men of this District are faithful in their service to God, committed to bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters, and that folks who are part of most GLAD congregations don't allow themselves to be distracted by things that diminish God's will for our lives. God is blessing us.

We recently acknowledged our newest worshipping body in Winston Salem, North Carolina. This makes the 29th worshipping body in the Gulf Lower Atlantic District. North Carolina has the greatest number of GLAD congregations. An interest group has emerged in Memphis, Tennessee, and our Church Planting Committee will be working with them.

Most of the GLAD churches are quite healthy and doing outreach that has demonstrable results; bringing people to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. We still are playing catch-up in providing trained leadership for all of our churches, but have made significant gains in this area. GLAD Samaritan is providing for the needs of many of those who seek leadership training, but there is a need to develop training opportunities for different and varying levels of leadership responsibility.

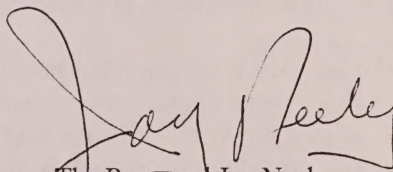
In meeting with our Pastors and other church leaders, it has become clear to me that in order to respond to such needs as stated above, and because our District has grown so much, as we move toward the year 2000, we need to consider how GLAD can continue this growth providing opportunities for new and vital ministries throughout the southeast. We also need to prepare to meet the emerging needs of our growing, maturing congregations. I want to ask the District Committee to consider the appointment of a Task Force to develop proposals that will focus on how the District can continue to serve the ever increasing number of

constituent churches, and how that service can have even wider impact, meeting greater need. This Task Force would be charged to solicit input from all of our churches and delegates, and to complete their work within eighteen to twenty-four months. The ultimate charge to the Task Force would be to help us provide a good foundation for continued growth and service. This Task Force would report to the District Committee, which would then bring a final report with proposals to the conference. Some of these proposals might require by-laws changes, which, of course, would come to the conference, some proposals may come forward as operational modifications which the District Committee can put into place. The Task Force would be asked to provide progress reports during the two year effort. I hope the committee can report the formation of this Task Force to this District Conference.

The members of the District Committee have worked tirelessly to respond to the requirements of our church bodies. They have traveled, planned, conferred, and prayed. They are a blessing to all of us. A year ago you approved the addition of a part-time administrative assistant for the District office. Ms. Beverly Madding has been filling that role, and is a real asset to keeping up with the work that comes into the office. Many of you speak to her on the telephone, if you haven't yet met her, take the time during conference to get to know her.

My up-coming itinerary will take me the western end of the District. I will be visiting our Mississippi churches in December, and have tentative plans to meet with the Memphis group also in December. I thank all of you for your prayers and encouragement. The ministry to which you have called me continues to be both challenging and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted.



The Reverend Jay Neely
GLAD Coordinator

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Elections will be held in November for the following positions on the District Committee:

TREASURER

CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE

CLERK

These positions have two year terms. Those seeking to run for these positions must be in a position to travel, when necessary. These positions require a great deal of commitment, time, and energy. Anyone wishing to place their name in nomination needs to send their resume to the District Coordinator and the Clerk, as soon as possible.

There will also be voting to fill the remaining term of Rev. Tam Schult on the DCRC.

If you have any questions concerning the positions or up coming elections, please feel free to contact any Member of the District Committee.

"Come To The Water"

SCHEDULE GLAD CONFERENCE

WILMINGTON HILTON - WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 11, 12 & 13, 1994

SAMARITAN Course "Preaching The Word" Thursday, November 10

Friday, November 11 (if needed) 9-1 PM

Thursday, November 10, 1994

District Committee Meeting Noon - 8 PM

St. Jude's Conference Committee Meeting Time TBA

Conference work team meets at 7 PM

Friday, November 11, 1994

District Committee Meeting 9 AM - 12 Noon

WORKSHOPS: 1:00 - 2:30 PM (Workshop descriptions are enclosed)

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| 1. | Antagonists in the Church | Rev. Paul Turner |
| 2. | Building Bridges | Ms. Margie Walker |

WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS: 2:45 - 4:15 PM

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| 1. | Music & Worship (part 1) | Ms. Marsha Stevens |
| 2. | Antagonists in the Church (Pt.2) | Rev. Paul Turner |

Sharing: Pastors, Clergy & Pastoral Leaders 4:30 - 5:30P
Lay Sharing 5:00- 6:00 Deacon's Sharing 5:00 - 6:00
Student Clergy Sharing 5:00 - 6:00

CONFERENCE DINNER 6:30-7:45 PM (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Speaker: Reverend Elder Dr. Troy Perry, "UFMCC Year 2000"

WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 11, 1994 8 PM

Speaker: Rev. Ruth Harper, Superintendent, Wilmington District

United Methodist Church

Member of the Executive Committee North Carolina Council of Churches

Liturgy of the Quilt - Rev. Christine Oscar, ST. MARY'S MCC**

Following the service there will be facilities for 12 step & PWA meetings. Please see Dennis Luft or Cassi Wylie for information and location.

****** During the liturgy of the quilt on Friday night, we remember our sisters and brothers who have gone on to be with God. We invite anyone who wishes to prepare a memorial square to present it for inclusion in the GLAD QUILT. Each square should be 8 inches by 8 inches. For additional information about the district quilt, call St. Mary's MCC 919 272 1606.

Saturday, November 12, 1994

Breakfast 8 - 9:15 AM

Welcome: Pastor Kathy Beall, St. Jude's MCC

Speaker: State Representative Karen Gattovi, North Carolina State Legislature

Caucuses: 9:15 - 9:45 AM DPOC

Women (As needed)

9:45 - 10:15 AM LAY

CLERGY (As needed)

The caucuses have been arranged to allow DPOC and Women to meet before the meetings of the full caucus of the Clergy & Lay house. If the Clergy and Lay house wish to meet concurrently for the first half hour, the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the District Committee will advise during Breakfast.

BUSINESS MEETING 10:30 A - 12:30 P

LUNCH BREAK 12:30 M - 2 PM

The following have requested that these groups meet informally during lunch:

SAMARITAN INSTRUCTORS - SPOUSES OF CLERGY, PASTORS AND PASTORAL LEADERS.

Facilities for BROWN BAG meetings for 12-Step program and PWA's will be available. See Dennis Luft or Cassi Wylie for information and location.

NOTE: *For those who elect not to attend the morning program or afternoon workshops, there will be suggestions for activities for sight-seeing (walking tour), shopping, etc. See the people in the hospitality suite for details.*

WORKSHOPS: 2:15 - 3:45 PM (Workshop descriptions are enclosed)

1. Changing Course (Part 1) Mr. Lou Clemmons
COA & Relationships with Addicted persons
2. UFMCC & Christian Social Action Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry
3. Inclusive Language - Why! Mr. Daniel Mullins
4. The Celebration of Worship Mr. J-R Finney

November 12, 1994 (cont.)

WORKSHOPS: 4 - 5:30 PM

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| 1. | Changing Course (Part 2) | Mr. Lou Clemmons |
| 2. | Contemporary Christian Music | Ms. Marsha Stevens |
| 3. | Building Bridges - Lesbians/Gay Males
(Repeat from Friday) | Ms. Margie Walker |
| 4. | Liberating the Church From Its Isms | Rev. Christine Oscar |

CHORAL REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON (Time & Place TBA)

OUR PRAISE IN MUSIC 7:15 - 8 PM

Ms. Marsha Stevens in Concert

WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 12, 1994 8 PM

Speaker: Rev. Elder Dr. Troy D. Perry, Founder & Moderator UFMCC

Including the massed GLAD choir performing with Marsha Stevens

Facilities for 12-step and PWA meetings following service will be available. See Cassi Wylie or Dennis Luft for information and location.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, REPRESENTATIVES OF GLAD/SAMARITAN WILL MEET (PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED) WITH SAMARITAN STUDENTS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN GLAD/SAMARITAN COURSE WORK, AND/OR THE STUDENT CLERGY PROGRAM.

SPEND SOME SOCIAL TIME FOLLOWING SERVICE, AS ST. JUDE'S MCC SPONSORS A DANCE IN THE AUDITORIUM. THERE WILL BE NON-ALCOHOLIC REFRESHMENT.

Sunday May 1, 1994

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, 10 AM - 11:30 November 13, 1994

Speaker: Rev. Jay Neely, District Coordinator

Gulf Lower Atlantic District

District Committee 1 - 3 PM (If Needed)

(This schedule is subject to change. A final schedule with room assignments will be in your packet on arrival at the conference.)

Hospitality Suite Room 316 Registration Lobby Level
5am - until Friday 8am - until Friday
5am - until Saturday 8am - Saturday
5am - 10am Sunday

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Bookstore - Tidewater room Chapel - Carolina room
8am - 11pm Fri 8am - 11pm Fri & Sat
7am - 11pm Sat (except 5-6pm Fri)
8am - 1pm Sun

November 12, 1994 (cont.)

WORKSHOPS: 4 - 5:30 PM

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| 1. Changing Course (Part 2) | Mr. Lou Clemmons | <i>Garden</i> |
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| 3. Building Bridges - Lesbians/Gay Males | Rev. Glenna Shepherd &
Rev. Wayne Lindsey | <i>Camellia</i> |
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St. Jude's MCC

4326 Market Street, Suite 170, Wilmington NC 28403 (910)762-5833

November 10, 1994

Beloved in Christ,

WELCOME TO WILMINGTON!

It shouldn't take you long to realize that your brothers and sisters of St. Jude's have been "whippin' it" to make sure that your stay in Wilmington is unforgettable. I wish I could take credit for their effort. Lou Clemmons, Bob Jenkins and Kathy Mays have worked long and hard in coordinating the various Conference sub-committees. When our congregants were asked to help, they pitched right in. If they weren't asked directly, they volunteered. It does a pastor proud to be a part of a group that faces a task with such enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication.

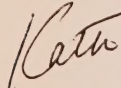
Hopefully, among the workshops and worship, the caucuses and business meetings, you'll find time to sample some uniquely "Wilmington" activities. From the hourly tours of the Historic District (culminating in a visit to St. Jude's), to the Saturday evening dance where a deejay will play requests, to various businesses and eateries that welcome your patronage (most of whom even know what MCC is!), to nightlife at Mickey Ratz and the Palladium, there truly is something for everyone.

We hope you'll consider hanging around to worship with us on Sunday evening as Rev. Elder Perry preaches at St. Jude's 7 p.m. worship service.

If there is something you need that we haven't thought of, just give us a "holler."

May our Loving Creator bless us all as we praise and serve and fellowship together this weekend!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Kathi Beall

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Come To The Water

'Christ Will Arch God's Rainbow Over the Waves'

1994 GLAD-UFMCC FALL CONFERENCE
WILMINGTON, NC

Dear Conferees:

Listed below are the restaurants who have given one or more Gift Certificates for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to express their support of this conference. We, from St. Jude's, are most grateful for this expression of community. We encourage you to use these restaurants and eateries when you dine out.

Menus and locations from these restaurants are at the Information Center.

Enjoy!

St. Jude's Conference Committee

Pilot House
Elijah's
Crook's By The River
Roy's Riverboat Landing
Caffee Phoenix
Gardenias (Wrightsville Beach)
The Downtown Deli
d'Orso Importing Co. & Italian Cafe
The Sandwich Factory
Blimpie Subs & Salads
Szechuan 130
Charlotte's
City Market Cafe
Dixie Grill & Pool Room
Water Street Restaurant & Sidewalk Cafe
Taste of Country Buffet
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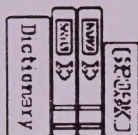
Tickets are on sale at the information table and in the hospitality suite. The cost is \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the St. Jude's MCC building fund. Each ticket you buy will be in the drawing until it is drawn or until all 8 prizes are given away. The drawing will be at the Sunday Morning Worship Service. You need not be present at the drawing to win.



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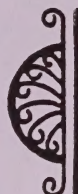
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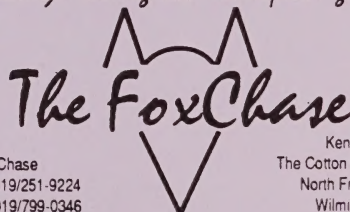
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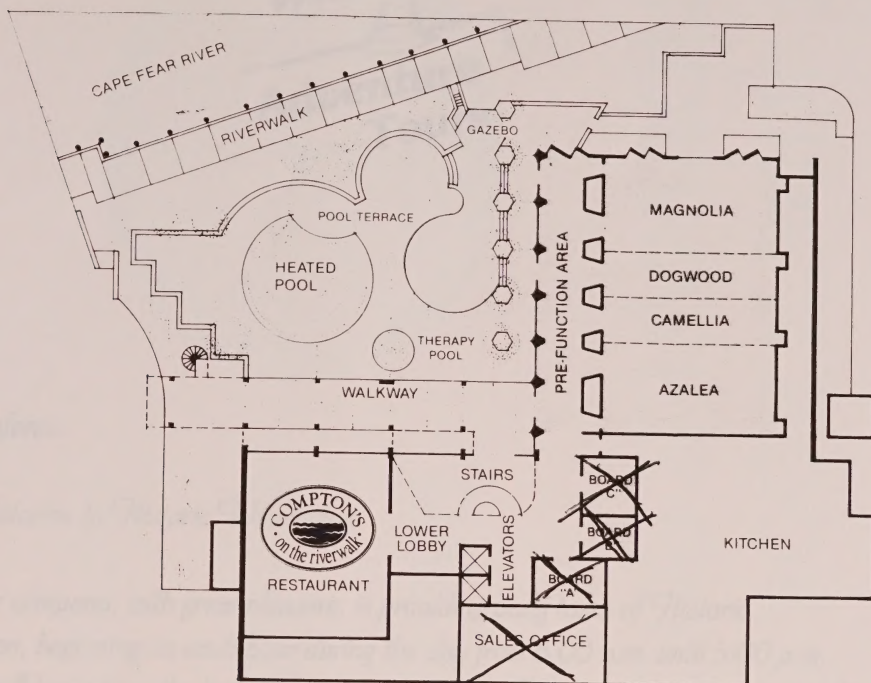
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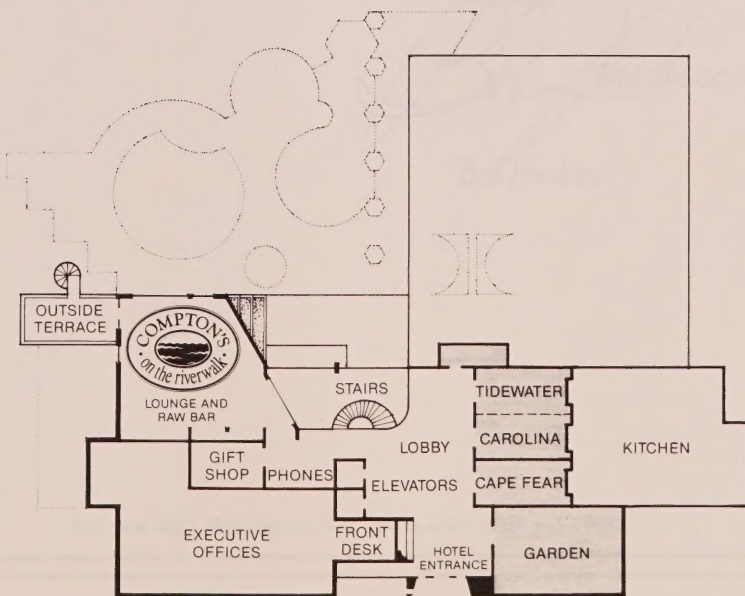
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SECOND FLOOR

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Wilmington

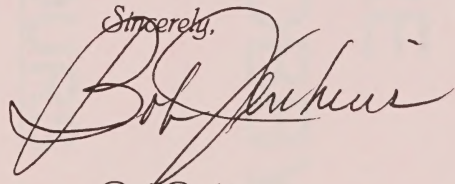
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Thank you for coming to Wilmington.

Sincerely,

Bob Jenkins



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DAY AND HOURS

FRIDAY 8:00AM - 11:00PM

SATURDAY 7:00AM - 11:00PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM - 1:00PM

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ROOM NUMBER 316



■ THURSDAY

- 6:00 - MIDNIGHT

■ FRIDAY

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- 11:00PM - 2:00AM

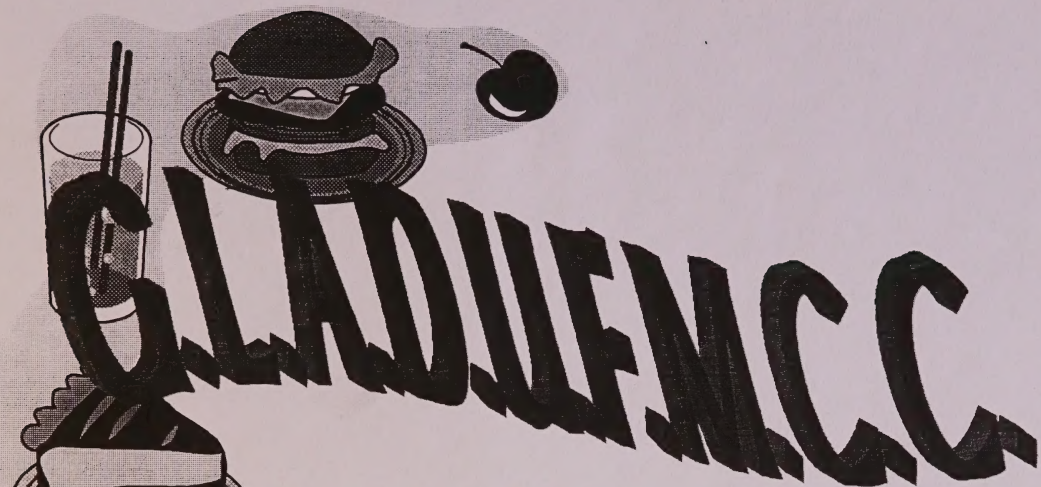
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- CLOSED DURING WORSHIP SERVICES
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■ SUNDAY

- 5:AM - 10:30AM





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Friday, 11/11

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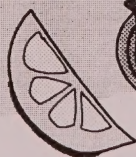
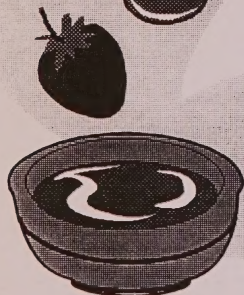
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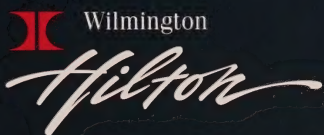
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WE HOPE YOU WILL

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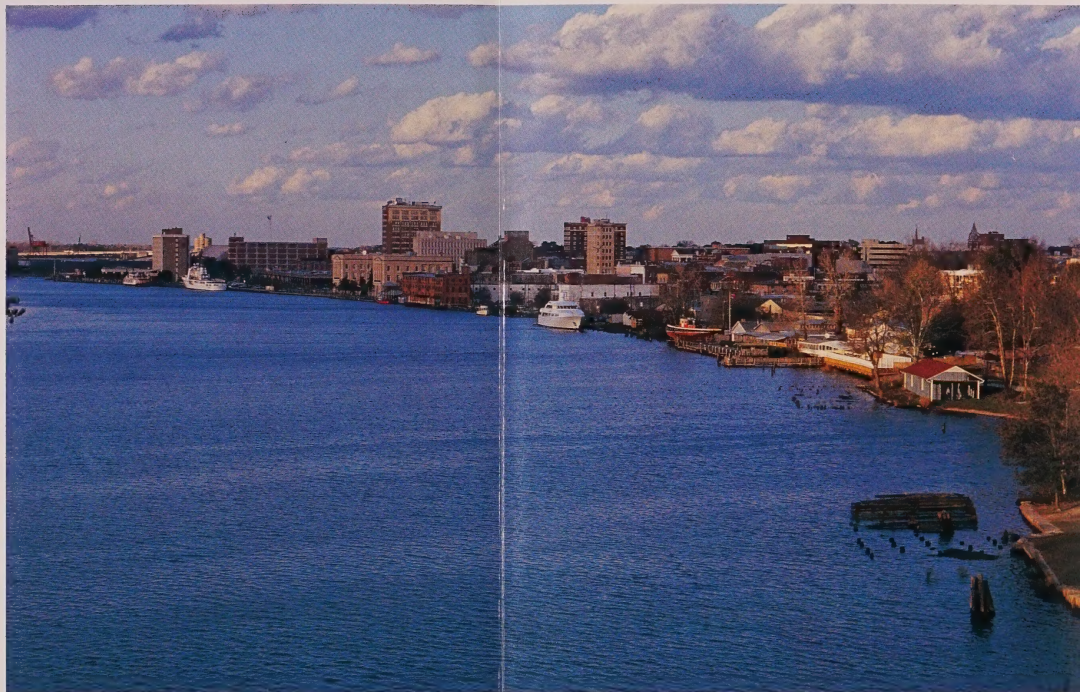


Wilmington, North Carolina



Hilton

W elcome to the Wilmington Hilton.



Located in the heart of historic downtown Wilmington on the shore of the Cape Fear River, the **Wilmington Hilton** is just a short stroll from the city's business center, cultural attractions, shops, and restaurants. The U.S.S. North Carolina, a World War II era battleship, is moored opposite the hotel, and miles of white sandy beaches are minutes away.



The **Wilmington** **Hilton** features 178

guest rooms and suites each decorated with custom traditional furnishings. All accommodations overlook the captivating Cape Fear River or historic downtown.

A personable attendant staffs the Concierge Level featuring complimentary beverages each evening, in-room continental breakfast, soft terry robes, special services and amenities.

Providing rest and relaxation is one of our specialties. Step out for a refreshing dip in our





outdoor pool, bask in the sun, or sit back and relax in our whirlpool. The tranquil waters and gentle breezes provide a soothing atmosphere.

Compton's, on the Riverwalk, features the finest grilled steaks and fresh seafood. Make a special selection from our wine cellar offering the widest selection of domestic wine in Coastal Carolina.

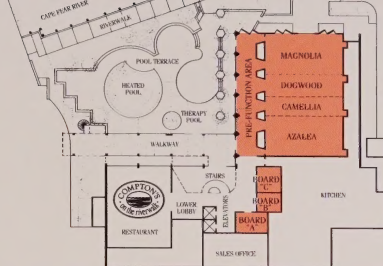
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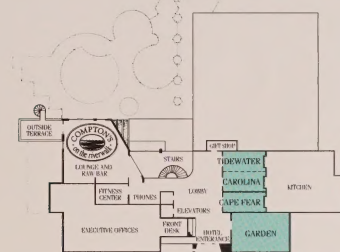
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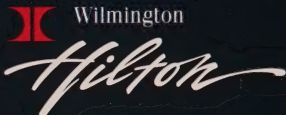


FIRST FLOOR	LxWxH	Sq. Ft.	Social	Banquet	Theater	Conference	Classroom
Grand Ballroom	60' x 96' x 18'	5760'	1000	600	800	N/A	500
Azalea, Magnolia Camellia, Dogwood	60' x 32' x 18' ea	1920' ea	250 ea	175 ea	250 ea	N/A	125 ea
1/2 Ballroom	60' x 48' x 18'	2880'	450	300	350	N/A	225
Board Rooms A	23' x 13' x 9'	299'	20	12	N/A	12	N/A
B	18' x 13' x 9'	234'	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	N/A
C	17' x 18' x 9'	306'	N/A	15	N/A	15	N/A
Pre-Function Area	96' x 12' x 18'	1152'	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

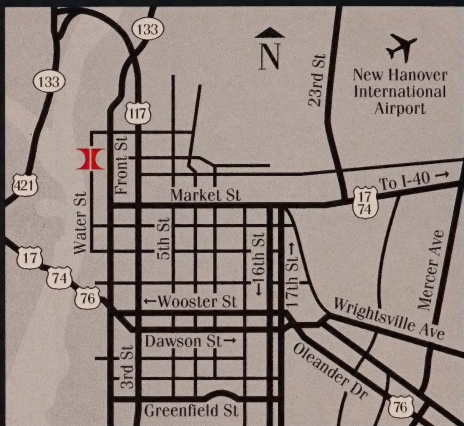
SECOND FLOOR	LxWxH	Sq. Ft.	Social	Banquet	Theater	Conference	Classroom
Garden Room	42' x 26' x 10'	1092'	150	80	120	50	80
Cape Fear Room	31' x 19' x 10'	589'	80	40	50	30	30
Carolina Room	31' x 15' x 10'	465'	65	30	40	30	30
Tidewater Room	31' x 19' x 10'	589'	80	40	50	30	30
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Wilmington



The city of Wilmington has experienced a dramatic and exciting growth. It is one of the fastest growing East Coast deep-water ports. Wilmington entered the pages of history before the Revolutionary War and was the last Atlantic port open to blockade runners during the Civil War. The continuous restoration and preservation in the Historic District are a tribute to the city's heritage. It has one of the largest districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Discover Wilmington, the historic city by the sea, founded more than 250 years ago on the Cape Fear River. You'll experience Southern Hospitality at its finest.

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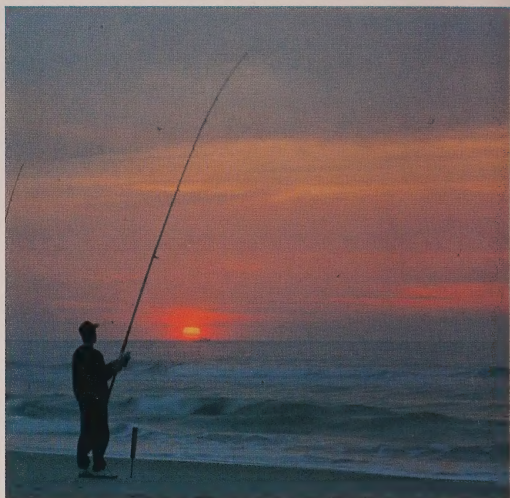
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Cape Fear Museum

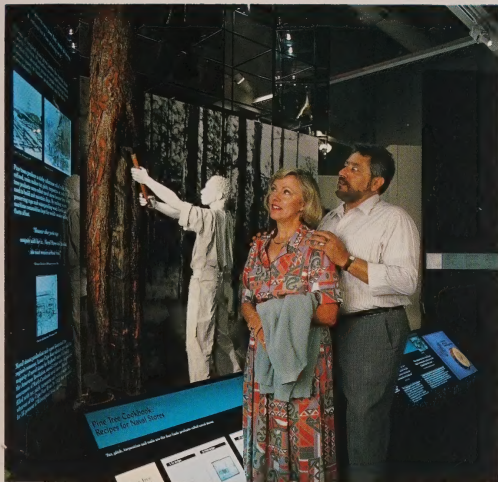


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“**W**aves and Currents: the Lower Cape Fear Story,” a 6,000-square-foot, long term exhibition installed in 1992, depicts the history of southeastern North Carolina from prehistory through the twentieth century. The Lower Cape Fear family comes alive with life-sized figures such as an Indian boy collecting fish from the salt marsh, a naval stores worker hacking a longleaf pine tree in the forest and a commission merchant working in his office. The exhibition includes a 16- by 21-foot scale model of the 1863 Wilmington waterfront and a 31 foot diorama of the 2nd battle of Fort Fisher. Interactive children’s activities are found throughout the exhibition. Visitors should check local listings for changing exhibitions and weekend programs.

The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults; \$1.00 for children 5-17, college students with valid ID, and senior citizens (65 years and over); free for children under 5 or members of Cape Fear Museum Associates. Free days are the first day of each month and the first and third Sundays.

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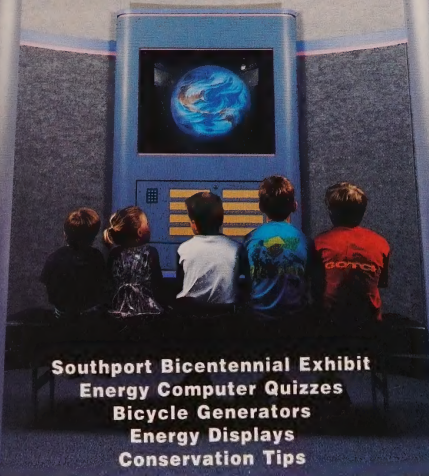
The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Adults \$2.00, 6-17 yrs. \$1.00, members free.

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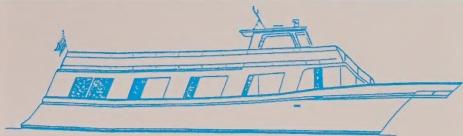
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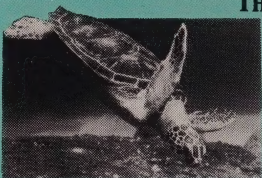
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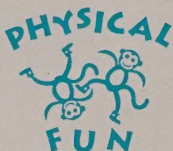
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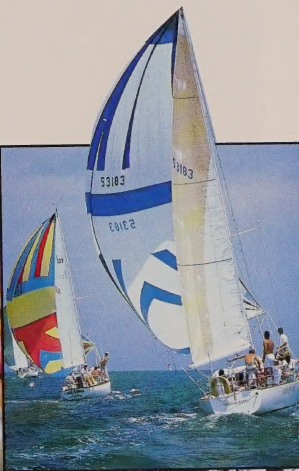
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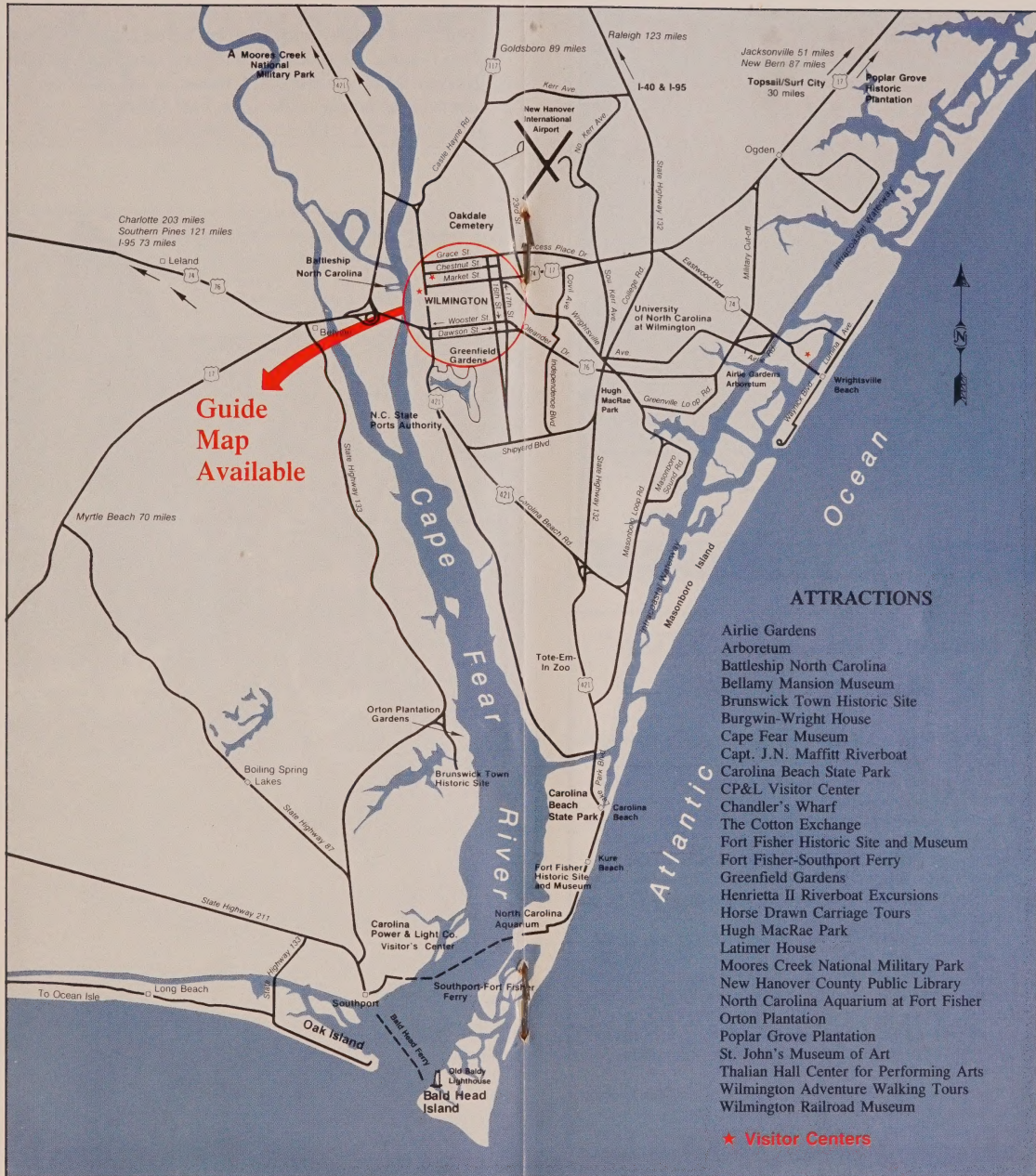
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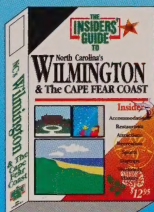






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As part of the overall commemoration of the 50th anniversary of World War II, the Department of Defense has designated the Battleship *NORTH CAROLINA* as one of a select group of sites for the national observance of VJ Day on September 2, 1995.

This day, on which the instrument of surrender was signed ending the war with Japan, signifies the end of World War II.

Weekend activities commemorating that significant event will include an observance ceremony with a senior U.S. official as the primary speaker, a large fireworks display, county-wide religious services, a World War II warbird airshow and other related events and exhibits throughout the City of Wilmington.

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The Wilmington Office of the National Weather Service is located at the New Hanover International Airport, 910/762-3240. This number gives boating forecasts and tide information for the Cape Fear River and the coastal shores of Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach and Kure Beach. For Wilmington forecast, call 910/763-3491.



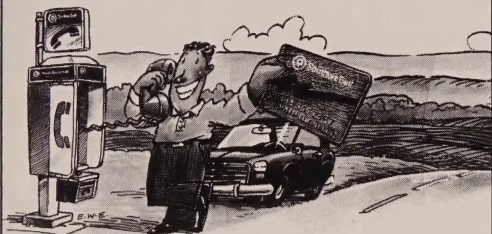
AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

	Daily High	Daily Low	Monthly Mean
January	55.9	35.3	45.6
February	58.1	36.6	47.4
March	64.8	43.3	54.1
April	74.3	51.8	63.1
May	80.9	60.4	70.7
June	86.1	67.1	76.6
July	89.3	71.3	80.3
August	88.6	70.8	79.7
September	83.9	65.7	74.8
October	75.2	53.7	64.5
November	66.8	43.9	55.4
December	59.1	37.2	48.2

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Surf's Up! Surfing is one of the many activities enjoyed at area beaches. Photo by Dr. David O. Weaver.





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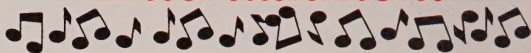


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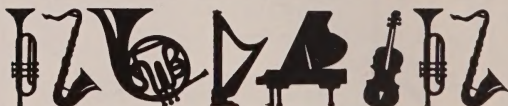


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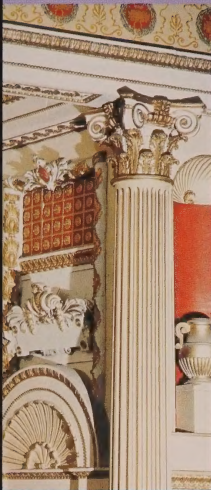
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ARCHITECTURE

Wilmington has a variety of architecture from the 1700's to the 20th Century—Greek Revival, Neo-Classical, Queen Anne Style, Neo-Gothic, and Italianate are some examples of the styles making this a fine visual city. A great deal of history lives within the museums, homes and churches of the Cape Fear Region.

LOCAL CUISINE

Part of the ambiance of visiting the Cape Fear Coast is to see shrimp boats lining the docks and seafood markets close by. The fishing industry is not just interesting to observe, it's a livelihood for a number of residents. It gives visitors and hometown folk alike something to relish—the culinary pleasures of really fresh seafood. Area specialties include fried or boiled shrimp, fried, steamed or raw oysters, and steamed or sauteed Atlantic blue crab. King mackerel steaks cooked over charcoal, grouper salad, and softshell crabs are other favorites.



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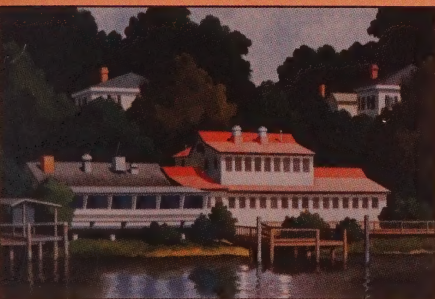
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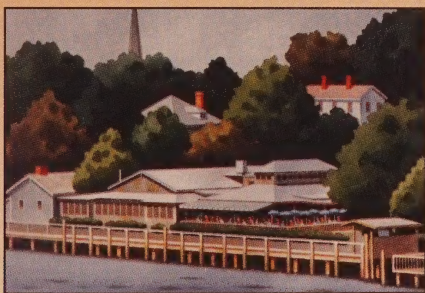


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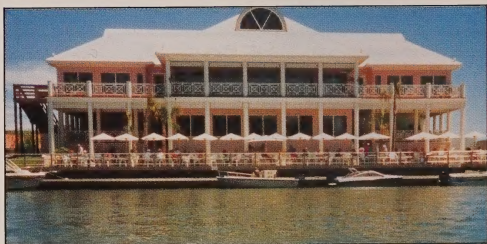
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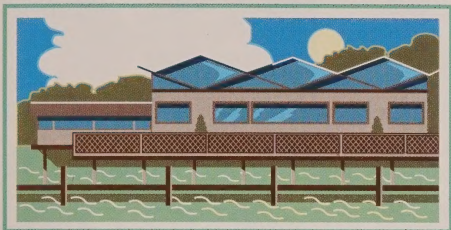
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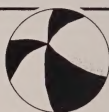
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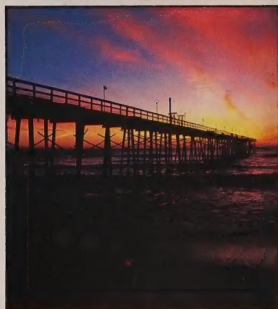
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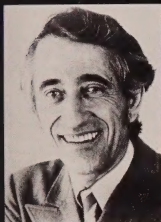
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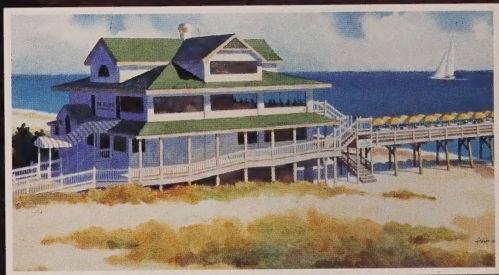
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Dear Friends in Christ:

We at St. Jude's Metropolitan Community Church would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 1994 GLAD-UFMCC Fall Conference to be held in historic downtown Wilmington, North Carolina, November 11, 12, and 13, 1994.

The fall conference will be held at the Wilmington Hilton, one of this city's luxury hotels situated on the banks of the Cape Fear River. Outside the front doors of the Hilton, you'll find The Cotton Exchange, a shopping complex comprised of eight buildings that date from the 19th century. This was once the site of the largest cotton exporting company in the world. The entire complex was saved from the wrecking ball in 1972 and it has played a significant part in the restoration and redevelopment of the Historic Downtown Wilmington neighborhood.

Downtown Wilmington is the entertainment center of the Cape Fear Coast where music, theatre, dance and the visual arts are always available. Downtown is the largest open-air mall in Wilmington, with nearly 200 specialty shops that offer unusual merchandise and personal service. Downtown is where Wilmingtonians choose to dine on all occasions in some of the Cape Fear area's most inviting restaurants. Downtown Wilmington is a favorite location spot for Hollywood filmmakers. Don't be surprised to see one of your favorite stars in a restaurant or acting on Front Street.

Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder of UFMCC, will be attending this conference and will bring a message of hope for everyone. Also appearing at this conference will be Marsha Stevens, the composer and singer from whose song, "For Those Tears I Died," the fall conference theme was chosen (please refer to the enclosed sheet explaining the significance of the fall conference theme.)

Our staff will be available in the hotel lobby all hours of the day and night with information about shopping, dining, entertainment, tours, and our spectacular area beaches.

Enclosed, please find a flyer for you to display in a prominent place for everyone to see, a letter from our pastor, a letter from the Wilmington Adventure Tour Company offering free tours to everyone attending the conference, several brochures on the hotel and its accommodations, and a magazine that details all the exciting things our area has to offer.

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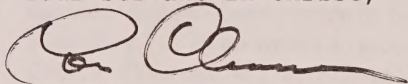
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We look forward to seeing all of you at this conference, which is shaping up to be one of our district's biggest and best ever. We're planning a number of "firsts" and we'll have some exciting surprises in store for all of you.

Your Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lou Clemmons', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lou Clemmons
Conference Coordinator

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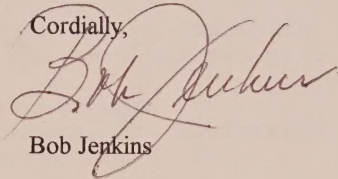
Dear Conferee:

We are delighted that the MCC Conference has chosen Wilmington as its meeting site. To show our appreciation, we have modified our Daily Walking Tour to accommodate your schedules and hope you have the opportunity to learn more about our fascinating city.

On Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12, our van will depart every hour on the hour from the lower portico by the swimming pool. The tour will reveal the rich history and eclectic past of which we are so proud and conclude at St. Jude's Metropolitan Community Church. (You can read more about the tour in the Summer 1994 Cape Fear Coast, page 15).

As our contribution, the tour is free. We are pleased to support this Conference and its goals and wish you a positive outcome and a pleasant stay.

Cordially,



Bob Jenkins

St. Jude's Metropolitan Community Church

August, 1994

Dear sisters/brothers in Christ,

It is so exciting to be able to invite you all to share with us in a great time of fellowship, renewal and worship November 10-13. We are looking forward to doing all that we can to assist you as you "come to the water" for the GLAD Fall Conference.

Conference co-ordinators Lou Clemmons, Bob Jenkins and Kathy Mays having been doing a yeoman's job of organizing the St. Jude's team. We are expecting to have a number of vendors on site (remember that this will be a great opportunity to do some Christmas gift shopping). We will have folks available to help direct you to restaurants, banks, shopping, points of interest- whatever you need to make your stay with us as smooth or as exciting as you want it to be.

It goes without saying (but I MUST say it anyway) that the Conference is sure to be exciting and uplifting, with Rev. Elder Troy Perry and Marsha Stevens participating!

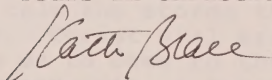
It is difficult to express to you how much we are all looking forward to sharing with you this special time together. We are grateful to God for the opportunity we are being given. We trust that you will be as blessed by your participation as we are in hosting you.

If there is anything we can do to assist you while you are here, or any special need you have, please give us the opportunity to serve you.

We pray God's richest blessings be yours.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Conference Committee, and the members and congregants of St. Jude's, I am

Yours in Christian love,



Kathi Beall
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"Come," said Jesus. Peter stepped from the boat, and walked over the water towards Jesus. But when he saw the strength of the storm he was seized with fear; and beginning to sink, he cried, "Save me." Jesus at once reached out and caught hold of him, and said, "Why did you hesitate? How little faith you have!" They then climbed into the boat and the wind dropped. Matt 14:29-33.

COME TO THE WATER*

Christ will arch God's rainbow over the waves

Christ asks why we hesitate. Christ, Who has been with us always, stands with us today. Christ was with Troy Perry in 1967 when he heard the voice of God's Love in his heart.

God made us to be a rainbow. We arch across every human boundary. We are both genders. We are wherever humanity is. We are in all classes. We are all colors. When churches persecute some of God's children in Christ's name, they abuse God's name.

Like the Pharisees before them, they persecute Christ. They cast down Christ's commandment to love the other. Christ never defined the other. Christ never named exceptions -- yet they do. They look for excuses from Scripture just like the Pharisees before them. They even lay claim to God's right of Judgement. Such arrogance denies Christ's walk to Calvary. They forget that Christ stands with all God's children. Christ was with us in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn. When we seek our place in human rights, Christ is with us seeking Justice for all.

Christ is with us today. Christ calls upon us to raise our faith above the disciples who saw Christ in the flesh. Christ will calm the storms the Pharisees set upon us. Christ has the Power. Christ will arch God's rainbow over the waves. Christ calls us to come to the water. Christ calls us to step from our boats and walk in Faith.

*from the hymn "For Those Tears I Died," by Marsha Stevens

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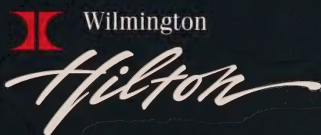


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of her sermon will was "Beware of the Golden Rule," Harper is the author, with her late husband, George Harper, of the publication, *Homosexuality: UMC's Turn to Vote*.

At a breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 12th, North Carolina Representative Karen Gattovi challenged the Metropolitan Community Church delegates and friends to become much more politically active in their own behalf, at every level of government.

The Gulf Lower Atlantic District of the UFMCC denomination consists of representatives from congregations in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Presiding at the business sessions was The Rev. Jay Neely, District Coordinator of the Gulf Lower Atlantic District, UFMCC.

The UFMCC, founded in 1968, has more than 300 congregations worldwide. It's membership is not restricted to gay male, lesbian, bisexual and transgender. Many heterosexual Christians belong to congregations and there are heterosexual pastors licensed in the denomination. The denomination, nonetheless, seeks primarily to serve the gay community in the name of Jesus Christ. UFMCC churches bring the gospel message of God's acceptance and love for all persons.

The District Conference, headquartered at the Wilmington Hilton and hosted by local MCC congregations, is one of the two conferences held each year for the purposes of doing church business, and bringing the Christian family together for spiritual renewal.

The biannual national meeting of the worldwide denomination, call the General Conference, will take place in the southeast US also, meeting in Atlanta, in the summer of 1995.

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Come To The Water

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"Come To The Water"

Sunday, November 13, 1994

Keyboards: Keith Mzingo, St. John's MCC, Raleigh.; Wayne Thompson, St. John's MCC, Raleigh

The Prelude	Musicians	*The Gloria"
		Glory be to God, Creator of this world.
		And to our Savior, Christ, Whose death has saved us all.
		Glory be to the Spirit, Whose presence makes us one.
		Glory be to God, the Blessed Three In One! Amen
*The Singspiration	Allen Mosley St. John's MCC, Raleigh	
*The Call to Worship	The Rev. Polly Ireland MCC Chattanooga	The Special Music:
One: Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.		The Sermon: AND A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS The Rev. Jay Neely
Many: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.		Gulf Lower Atlantic District Coordinator
One: God's goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle, sometimes pulsing spurts, and sometimes a mighty flood. But always God is with us.		
All: We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs. We seek you in our prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are our God.		*The Sermon Hymn: "The Church Is Alive!" (p. 8)
		The Offering Diane Hawkins, Christ Covenant MCC, Stone Mountain
		Special Music: Allen Mosley, St. John's MCC, Raleigh
*Invocation	The Rev. Wayne Lindsey St. John's MCC, Raleigh	*The Response:
		We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gifts may be.
		All that we have is Thine alone. A trust, O God, from Thee! Amen.
*The Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (p. 26)		The Celebration of Holy Communion The Rev. Marge Ragona
The Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Jay Neely, District Coordinator	Covenant MCC, Birmingham
The Prayer	The Rev. Jim Richards MCC Knoxville	Deacon J.R. Finney II First MCC, Atlanta
*The Prayer Hymn: "Surely the Presence of Our God is in This Place" (p. 53)		The Invitation to Confession
		The General Confession:
		Gracious God, we hear you calling. You have shown us hope and you offer us courage. We come to you as people who long to walk your pathways of grace and love. But many times, God, we get discouraged by our living. We are afraid of the difficult experiences; we despair at challenges that are given to us. The roads we walk find us weary sometimes, and we let hopelessness get the best of us. Care for us on our journey, God. Help us to know that your love is always there, sustaining us, and surrounding us with care. Take our road-weary lives and transform us to be your new people, shining in the darkness. Amen.
The Scripture Readings		
Isaiah 54:1-6	Jim Reese, All Saints MCC, Atlanta	
James 3:13-16	Debbie Rutledge, MCC Augusta	
*Luke 14:14-24	Larry Varner, MCC Winston-Salem	
*Please rise as you are able		

The Absolution

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: Our God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to our God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is a right, a good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with all the company of heaven who forever sing to proclaim the glory of Your Name.

"The Sanctus and Benedictus"

Holy, Holy, Holy, Oh God of power and might. Heaven and earth
are full of Your glory, Hosannah in the highest!

Blessed is Christ, Who comes in the Name of our God.

Hosannah in the highest!

The Consecration

"The Affirmation of the Mystery of Our Faith"

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ is here. Christ will come again!

The Distribution of the Elements

(Congregation singing, "The Lord's Prayer" as celebrants consume)

The Great Thanksgiving

*The Closing Hymn: "*Blessed Assurance*" (p. 28)

*The Benediction

The Rev. Helene Loper
MCC Mobile

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT---UFMCC
OPERATING BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1995

	EXPENSES					SOURCES			
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	1994 BUDGET ACTUAL		1994 BUDGET PROJECTED	1995 BUDGET PROPOSED		1994 BUDGET	1994 PROJECTED	1995 PROPOSED	
	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	PROJECTED	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	
DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S COMPENSATION *(\$1,125 SALARY, \$750 HOUSING ALLOWANCE, \$375 MEDICAL INSURANCE) **	\$2,250 *	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$2,500 **	\$30,000	\$43,200	\$47,000	\$51,700	CHURCH TITHES
OFFICE -- REIMBURSEMENT	100	1,200	600	100	1,200	5,000	2,700	5,000	NET DISTRICT CONFERENCE REVENUE
TRAVEL EXPENSES - DISTRICT OFFICERS WITHIN DISTRICT	550	6,600	5,500	550	6,600	0	1,000	1,000	AT-LARGE OFFERINGS
COMMUNICATIONS - TELEPHONE, POSTAGE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, PRINTING & PHOTOCOPYING	375	4,500	6,600	500	6,000	500	300	400	SAVINGS INTEREST
GENERAL COUNCIL EXPENSES - DISTRICT COORDINATOR	100	1,200	900	100	1,200	2,100	0	1,100	DEFICIT SPENDING (SAVINGS DRAIN)
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES - FFO, COL, DPOC/WPHR, WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT	358	4,300	4,400	333	4,000				
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS OTHER THAN DURING DISTRICT CONFERENCES	125	1,500	1,100	125	1,500				
CHURCH ASSISTANCE	125	1,500	1,400	125	1,500				
CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT CLERGY FUND	0	0	0	100	1,200				
CONTRIBUTION TO NEW WORKS FUND	0	0	0	100	1,200				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	250	3,000	3,000	400	4,800				
	\$4,233	\$50,800	\$50,500	\$4,933	\$59,200	\$50,800	\$51,000	\$59,200	

CAsm Asst will come from these funds

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1994

OPERATING BUDGET

CHURCH TITHES**		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTALS
ALABAMA	Birmingham (Covenant MCC)	\$220.29	\$320.77	\$256.88	\$251.61	\$227.45	\$305.10	\$276.73	\$281.05	\$230.52				\$2,370.40
	Huntsville	171.92	153.61	253.66	160.74	140.69	180.97	142.09	195.12	286.15				1,684.95
	Mobile	71.02	99.79	44.38	63.33	82.95	59.57	55.85	77.96	47.39				602.24
	Montgomery	51.54	79.84		155.53		173.80	76.90	112.59	92.13				742.33
	Atlanta (All Saints MCC)	98.62		327.24	136.76		391.21							953.83
GEORGIA	Atlanta (First MCC)	365.93	484.96	448.96	425.11	468.66	487.27	387.43	589.46	449.46				4,107.24
	Augusta	66.49	58.33	80.15	76.08	87.15	82.15	67.18	80.55	44.68				642.76
	Columbus (Family of God MCC)	14.36	30.05		59.18				114.43	21.30				239.32
	Stone Mountain (Christ Covenant MCC)	277.10	243.14	234.72	198.17	227.73	372.66	200.39	320.80	228.93				2,303.64
	Biloxi/Gulfport (MCC of the Gulf Coast)	36.88		39.38	15.56	25.10	28.90	23.06	25.59	15.35				209.82
MISSISSIPPI	Hattiesburg (New Work -- June, 1994)													0.00
	Jackson							192.85	72.35					265.20
	Asheville	63.40	74.60	69.65	116.15	124.55	95.19	87.20	120.06	78.53				829.33
	Boone (M.C.C. of the High Country)		4.50				21.30							25.80
	Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	216.60	268.99	210.17	219.95	185.86	270.95	257.21	388.45	288.87				2,307.05
NO CAROLINA	Charlotte (New Life MCC)	135.09	152.77		246.91	121.75	151.65	129.07	146.21	99.34				1,187.79
	Greensboro (St. Mary's MCC)	268.81	390.60		349.23		194.94							1,203.58
	Hickory	110.11	140.01	115.45			120.22	126.90	107.22	251.28				1,076.12
	Raleigh (St. John's MCC)	212.52	316.00	327.72	319.15	345.20	359.77	304.41	372.20	276.95				2,833.92
	Wilmington (St. Jude's MCC)	98.51	100.13	101.98		261.11		264.09	134.21					960.03
SO CAROLINA	Charleston		227.76	459.15		219.63	271.80	515.28		549.77				2,243.39
	Savannah, GA (Par Ext. - MCC Charleston)		15.96	60.20		17.05	25.25	80.55		99.13				298.14
	Columbia	65.55	79.10	75.39	67.79	66.33	68.54	62.50	71.64	93.15				649.99
	Greenville	117.55	148.43	120.06	161.44	125.97		124.67	148.15	279.25				1,225.52
	Myrtle Beach	48.96	71.60	50.20	68.04	85.00	110.12	49.47	66.69	85.74				635.82
TENNESSEE	Chattanooga		271.47	267.03	488.52	202.91		195.90	140.37	312.34				1,878.54
	Knoxville	259.87	175.96	194.56	187.88	295.57		391.88	243.95	189.61				1,939.28
	Nashville	63.40	106.04	70.78	73.61				157.05					470.88
	Tri-Cities	39.46	58.01	55.37	47.55	53.66	75.68	43.48	46.92	30.30				450.43
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES **		\$3,073.98	\$4,072.42	\$3,863.08	\$3,993.22	\$3,679.48	\$3,658.78	\$3,928.19	\$4,013.02	\$4,050.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,332.34
NON-TITHE INCOME														
District Conference Fund Income		\$13.73		\$1,076.27	\$6,325.73	\$2,433.40	\$62.63	\$32.93		\$562.63				10,507.32
Miscellaneous in-kind or Other Contributions		250.00	15.00		250.00					250.00				765.00
District Fundraising														0.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME		\$263.73	\$15.00	\$1,076.27	\$6,575.73	\$2,433.40	\$62.63	\$32.93	\$0.00	\$812.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,272.32
TOTAL INCOME -- OPERATING BUDGET		\$3,337.71	\$4,087.42	\$4,939.35	\$10,568.95	\$6,112.88	\$3,721.41	\$3,961.12	\$4,013.02	\$4,862.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,604.66
NON-BUDGET INCOME														
New Works Fund Income														\$0.00
Women's Secretarial Fund Income							130.00							130.00
Miscellaneous at-large donations														0.00
Samaritan Fund Income						1,050.00	(34.00)							1,016.00
DPOC/WPHR Fund Income			140.00											140.00
Miscellaneous interest		\$33.08		\$17.51	48.99		17.90	38.37		17.90				173.75
Special Ministries Income														0.00
SUBTOTAL NON-BUDGET INCOME		\$33.08	\$140.00	\$17.51	\$48.99	\$1,050.00	\$113.90	\$38.37	\$0.00	\$17.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,459.75
TOTAL INCOME		\$3,370.79	\$4,227.42	\$4,956.86	\$10,617.94	\$7,162.88	\$3,835.31	\$3,999.49	\$4,013.02	\$4,880.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,064.41

** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TITHES ARE CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

Tithes for the following churches are late: All Saints M.C.C. (Jun, Jul & Aug), M.C.C. Hattiesburg (Jun, Jul & Aug), M.C.C. Jackson (Aug), M.C.C. of the High Country (Jun, Jul & Aug), St. Mary's M.C.C. (May, Jun, Jul & Aug), St. Jude's M.C.C. (Aug), M.C.C. Nashville (Jul & Aug).

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1994

OPERATING BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS	BUD VAR Y-T-D
District Coordinator's Salary	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00				\$10,125.00	
District Coordinator's Housing Allowance	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00				6,750.00	
District Coordinator's Medical Insurance	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00				3,375.00	
District Coordinator's Compensation Package	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,250.00	0.00%
District Coordinator's Office Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00				450.00	-50.00%
Travel Expenses-District Officers Within District	550.00	53.76	500.86	652.78	443.65	308.80	463.46	309.16	490.85	728.30				3,951.62	-20.17%
Communications															
Telephone		25.39	314.21	94.74	433.75	227.41	462.35	359.40	454.15	282.86				2,654.26	
Postage		15.14	139.67	57.31	137.77	36.15	75.42	187.62	68.00	46.55				763.63	
Office Supplies		0.00	0.00	21.69	23.77	11.00	0.00	52.53	0.00	0.00				108.99	
Printing & Photocopying		0.00	35.00	0.00	361.72	0.00	96.67	10.22	130.07	157.00				790.68	
Subtotal Communications	375.00	40.53	488.88	173.74	957.01	274.56	634.44	609.77	652.22	486.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,317.56	27.93%
General Council Expenses-District Coordinator	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	462.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				462.57	-48.60%
District Reps. Travel (FFO, COL, and DPOC/WPHR)	358.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	321.00	282.92	0.00				4,403.92	36.68%
Dist. Comm. Meetings (Not During Dist. Conf.)	125.00	0.00	304.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	248.00	313.04	116.40				981.56	-12.75%
Church Assistance	125.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	389.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				1,389.65	23.52%
Administrative Assistant	250.00	118.42	260.51	260.51	260.51	260.51	260.51	260.51	260.51	260.51				2,202.50	-2.11%
SUBTOTAL OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES	\$4,233.00	\$2,462.71	\$8,704.37	\$3,387.03	\$4,423.74	\$3,533.52	\$3,658.41	\$4,048.44	\$4,299.54	\$3,891.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,409.38	0.82%
District Conference Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.72	\$1,256.07	\$5,781.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00				\$8,427.98	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES		\$2,462.71	\$8,704.37	\$3,777.75	\$5,679.81	\$9,314.71	\$3,658.41	\$4,048.44	\$4,299.54	\$4,891.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,837.36	\$46,837.36
NON-BUDGET ITEMS															
Charge to Samaritan Fund		\$399.32					\$459.00		\$357.00					\$1,215.32	
Charge to Special Ministries Fund														0.00	
Charge to Student Clergy Fund						1,750.00	\$595.00							2,345.00	
Charge to DPOC/WPHR Fund		208.72	382.80	182.00	35.00	200.00		1,267.00						2,275.52	
Charge to COL Fund			316.18	100.00				529.00						945.18	
Charge to FFO Fund									456.72					456.72	
Charge to Women's Secretariat Fund						50.21	796.47		211.09					1,057.77	
Charge to Unallocated Savings														0.00	
Charge to New Works Fund		14.50	50.00	195.00			42.28	42.28	101.54					445.60	
M.C.C. Jackson Mediation				648.10	417.12									1,065.22	
Annual registration - State of Georgia			15.00											15.00	
Flowers & memorials							90.67							90.67	
Miscellaneous bank charges			69.62											69.62	
TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES		\$622.54	\$833.60	\$1,125.10	\$452.12	\$2,000.21	\$1,983.42	\$1,838.28	\$1,126.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,981.62	\$9,981.62
TOTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING TRANSFERS		\$3,085.25	\$9,537.97	\$4,902.85	\$6,131.93	\$11,314.92	\$5,641.83	\$5,886.72	\$5,425.89	\$4,891.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,818.98	\$56,818.98
LESS TRANSFERS		\$0.00	(\$3,800.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				(\$3,800.00)	(\$3,800.00)
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES		\$3,085.25	\$5,737.97	\$4,902.85	\$6,131.93	\$11,314.92	\$5,641.83	\$5,886.72	\$5,425.89	\$4,891.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,018.98	\$53,018.98

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1994
(CONTINUED)

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$3,337.71	\$4,087.42	\$4,939.35	\$10,568.95	\$6,112.88	\$3,721.41	\$3,961.12	\$4,013.02	\$4,862.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES	(2,462.71)	(8,704.37)	(3,777.75)	(5,679.81)	(9,314.71)	(3,658.41)	(4,048.44)	(4,299.54)	(4,891.62)	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCESS OF OPERATING INCOME OVER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$875.00	(\$4,616.95)	\$1,161.60	\$4,889.14	(\$3,201.83)	\$63.00	(\$87.32)	(\$286.52)	(\$28.82)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME	\$3,370.79	\$4,227.42	\$4,956.86	\$10,617.94	\$7,162.88	\$3,835.31	\$3,999.49	\$4,013.02	\$4,880.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES	(3,085.25)	(8,737.97)	(4,902.85)	(6,131.93)	(11,314.92)	(5,641.83)	(5,886.72)	(5,425.89)	(4,891.62)	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCESS OF TOTAL INCOME OVER TOTAL EXPENSES	\$285.54	(\$1,510.55)	\$54.01	\$4,486.01	(\$4,152.04)	(\$1,806.52)	(\$1,887.23)	(\$1,412.87)	(\$10.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER, 1994

DISPOSITION OF EXCESS(DEFICIT)												
To incr.(decr.) unallocated checking account	\$861.27	(\$4,701.57)	(\$172.05)	(\$1,097.64)	\$145.96	(\$90.30)	\$3,879.75	(\$286.52)	\$408.55			
To incr.(decr.) allocated checking account	(14.50)	(50.00)	(195.00)	0.00	0.00	422.80	(42.28)	(101.54)	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) dist. conf. fund account	13.73	0.00	685.55	5,069.66	(3,347.79)	(867.53)	(3,967.07)	0.00	(437.37)			
To incr.(decr.) unallocated savings account	4.03	0.00	0.00	5.96	0.00	0.00	6.25	0.00	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) student clergy fund	11.09	3,000.00	17.51	31.19	(1,750.00)	(112.02)	18.49	0.00	17.90			
To incr.(decr.) special ministries account	1.82	0.00	0.00	2.69	0.00	0.00	2.82	0.00	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) Samaritan fund account	(383.18)	(3,000.00)	0.00	9.15	1,050.00	(493.00)	10.81	(357.00)	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) COL fund account	0.00	383.82	(100.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(529.00)	0.00	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) DPOC/WPHR fund account	(208.72)	757.20	(182.00)	(35.00)	(200.00)	0.00	(1,267.00)	0.00	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) Women's Secretarial fund account	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	(50.21)	(666.47)	0.00	(211.09)	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) FFO fund account	0.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(456.72)	0.00			
To incr.(decr.) outstanding loans account	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
	\$285.54	(\$1,510.55)	\$54.01	\$4,486.01	(\$4,152.04)	(\$1,806.52)	(\$1,887.23)	(\$1,412.87)	(\$10.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	DECEMBER											
Unallocated Checking Account Balance *	960.19	\$1,821.46	(\$2,880.11)	(\$3,052.16)	(\$4,149.80)	(\$4,003.84)	(\$4,094.14)	(\$214.39)	(\$500.91)	(\$92.36)		
New Works Fund -- Allocated Checking	4,368.42	4,353.92	4,303.92	4,108.92	4,108.92	4,108.92	4,531.72	4,489.44	4,387.90	4,387.90		
Savings Acct. (Dist. Conf. Fund) Balance	9,747.90	9,761.63	9,761.63	10,447.18	15,516.84	12,169.05	11,301.52	7,334.45	7,334.45	6,897.08		
Unallocated Savings Account Balance	807.08	811.11	811.11	811.11	817.07	817.07	817.07	823.32	823.32	823.32		
Student Clergy Fund	3,218.17	3,229.26	6,229.26	6,246.77	6,277.96	4,527.96	4,415.94	4,434.43	4,434.43	4,452.33		
Special Ministries Fund	364.35	366.17	366.17	366.17	368.86	368.86	368.86	371.68	371.68	371.68		
Samaritan Fund	4,229.91	3,846.73	846.73	846.73	855.88	1,905.88	1,412.88	1,423.69	1,066.69	1,066.69		
COL FUND	364.53	364.53	748.35	648.35	648.35	648.35	648.35	119.35	119.35	119.35		
DPOC/WPHR Fund	1,208.98	1,000.26	1,757.46	1,575.46	1,540.46	1,340.46	1,340.46	73.46	73.46	73.46		
Women's Secretarial Fund	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,149.79	483.32	272.23	272.23	272.23		
FFO FUND	779.06	779.06	1,679.06	1,679.06	1,679.06	1,679.06	1,679.06	1,222.34	1,222.34	1,222.34		
Outstanding Loans to Member Churches	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00		
	\$26,048.59	\$26,334.13	\$24,823.58	\$24,877.59	\$29,363.60	\$25,211.56	\$23,405.04	\$21,517.81	\$20,104.94	\$20,094.02	\$0.00	\$0.00

*includes \$300.00 Petty Cash

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
NEW WORKS FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW WORKS FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$4,368.42	\$4,353.92	\$4,303.92	\$4,108.92	\$4,108.92	\$4,108.92	\$4,531.72	\$4,489.44	\$4,387.90			
INCOME:												
From Spring District Conference revenue						\$465.08						
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$465.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Rev. Liz Leech - Expense reimbursement	\$14.50											
Family of God M.C.C. - facility rental		\$50.00										
Boone - telephone installation and deposit			77.00									
Family of God M.C.C. - workshop			118.00									
Rev. Tam Schult - M.C.C. Hattiesburg travel						42.28	42.28					
Chi Rho Press - pamphlets								36.31				
UFMCC - pamphlets								65.23				
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$14.50	\$50.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.28	\$42.28	\$101.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW WORKS FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$4,353.92	\$4,303.92	\$4,108.92	\$4,108.92	\$4,108.92	\$4,531.72	\$4,489.44	\$4,387.90	\$4,387.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$9,747.90	\$9,761.63	\$9,761.63	\$10,447.18	\$15,516.84	\$12,169.05	\$11,301.52	\$7,334.45	\$7,334.45			
INCOME:												
Interest	\$13.73		\$61.27	\$20.73		\$62.63	\$32.93		\$62.63			
Registrations - Tri-Cities Conference			1,015.00	6,305.00	\$1,105.00							
Friday Offering - Tri-Cities Conference					557.04							
Saturday Offering - Tri-Cities Conference					771.36							
Registrations - Wilmington Conference									360.00			
Dinner tickets - Wilmington Conference									140.00			
TOTAL INCOME	\$13.73	\$0.00	\$1,076.27	\$6,325.73	\$2,433.40	\$62.63	\$32.93	\$0.00	\$562.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
District Committee and guests expenses - Tri-Cities			\$390.72	\$420.00	\$2,178.60							
Telephone, photocopying, etc. - Tri-Cities				481.81	386.51							
DCRC Expenses				354.26	614.67							
Breakfast and other hotel incidentals - Tri-Cities Conference					2,002.91							
Sound equipment rental - Tri-Cities Conference					598.50							
Transferred To New Works Fund						465.08						
Transferred to Student Clergy Fund						465.08						
Transferred to Checkbook							4,000.00					
Deposit for Asheville Conference - Fall 1995									500.00			
District committee and guests expenses - Wilmington Conference									500.00			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.72	\$1,256.07	\$5,781.19	\$930.16	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$9,761.63	\$9,761.63	\$10,447.18	\$15,516.84	\$12,169.05	\$11,301.52	\$7,334.45	\$7,334.45	\$6,897.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

\$7,000 OF THIS ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS BEEN INVESTED IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
UNALLOCATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UNALLOCATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$807.08	\$811.11	\$811.11	\$811.11	\$817.07	\$817.07	\$817.07	\$823.32	\$823.32			
INCOME:												
Interest	\$4.03			\$5.96			\$6.25					
TOTAL INCOME	\$4.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNALLOCATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$811.11	\$811.11	\$811.11	\$817.07	\$817.07	\$817.07	\$823.32	\$823.32	\$823.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
STUDENT CLERGY ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
STUDENT CLERGY ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$3,218.17	\$3,229.26	\$6,229.26	\$6,246.77	\$6,277.96	\$4,527.96	\$4,415.94	\$4,434.43	\$4,434.43			
INCOME:												
Interest	\$11.09		\$17.51	\$31.19		\$17.90	\$18.49		\$17.90			
Transferred from Samaritan Fund		\$3,000.00										
From Spring District Conference revenue						465.08						
TOTAL INCOME	\$11.09	\$3,000.00	\$17.51	\$31.19	\$0.00	\$482.98	\$18.49	\$0.00	\$17.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Scholarships awarded for 1994 Orientation					1,750.00							
Scholarships awarded for 1994 course work						\$595.00						
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STUDENT CLERGY ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$3,229.26	\$6,229.26	\$6,246.77	\$6,277.96	\$4,527.96	\$4,415.94	\$4,434.43	\$4,434.43	\$4,452.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

\$2,000 OF THIS ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS BEEN INVESTED IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
SPECIAL MINISTRIES ACCOUNT
(INCLUDES GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY)
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SPECIAL MINISTRIES ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$364.35	\$366.17	\$366.17	\$366.17	\$368.86	\$368.86	\$368.86	\$371.68	\$371.68			
INCOME:												
Interest	\$1.82			\$2.69			\$2.82					
TOTAL INCOME	\$1.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPECIAL MINISTRIES ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$366.17	\$366.17	\$366.17	\$368.86	\$368.86	\$368.86	\$371.68	\$371.68	\$371.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SAMARITAN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$4,229.91	\$3,846.73	\$846.73	\$846.73	\$855.88	\$1,905.88	\$1,412.88	\$1,423.69	\$1,066.69			
INCOME:												
Interest	\$16.14			\$9.15			10.81					
Registrations					\$80.00							
Tuitions					970.00	(34.00)						
TOTAL INCOME	\$16.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.15	\$1,050.00	(\$34.00)	\$10.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Instructor's expenses	\$399.32							\$357.00				
Transferred to Student Clergy Fund		\$3,000.00										
Paid to Samaritan College						459.00						
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$399.32	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$459.00	\$0.00	\$357.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SAMARITAN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$3,846.73	\$846.73	\$846.73	\$855.88	\$1,905.88	\$1,412.88	\$1,423.69	\$1,066.69	\$1,066.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

COL FUND ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
COL FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$364.53	\$364.53	\$748.35	\$648.35	\$648.35	\$648.35	\$648.35	\$119.35	\$119.35			
INCOME:												
1994 Budget Allocation		\$700.00										
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Airfare for COL meeting		\$316.18										
COL Meeting expenses			100.00									
Airfare for Leadership Conference							379.00					
Leadership Conference expenses							150.00					
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$316.18	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$529.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COL FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$364.53	\$748.35	\$648.35	\$648.35	\$648.35	\$648.35	\$119.35	\$119.35	\$119.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DPOC/WPHR FUND ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DPOC/WPHR FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,208.98	\$1,000.26	\$1,757.46	\$1,575.46	\$1,540.46	\$1,340.46	\$1,340.46	\$73.46	\$73.46			
INCOME:												
1994 Budget Allocation		\$1,000.00										
Miscellaneous donations		140.00										
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Conference - St. John's M.C.C.	\$205.60											
Miscellaneous postage, telephone, etc.	3.12											
Conference - M.C.C. Charleston		382.80					49.00					
Conference - M.C.C. Mobile			182.00									
District Conference registration for DPOC Chair				35.00								
Airfare for Leadership Conference							718.00					
Expenses for Leadership Conference							500.00					
Registrations for UFMCC Leadership Conference					200.00							
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$208.72	\$382.80	\$182.00	\$35.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,267.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DPOC/WPHR FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$1,000.26	\$1,757.46	\$1,575.46	\$1,540.46	\$1,340.46	\$1,340.46	\$73.46	\$73.46	\$73.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,149.79	\$483.32	\$483.32	\$272.23			
INCOME:												
1994 Budget Allocation		\$1,200.00										
"Women's Day" registrations						80.00						
"Women's Day" donations						50.00						
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Workshop materials					\$50.21							
"Women's Day" expenses						269.47						
Plane fare, registration & expenses for Dallas conference						527.00		211.09				
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.21	\$796.47	\$0.00	\$211.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,149.79	\$483.32	\$483.32	\$272.23	\$272.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FFO FUND ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER, 1994

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
FFO FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$779.06	\$779.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,222.34			
INCOME:												
1994 Budget Allocation		\$900.00										
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Travel, registration & expenses for Dallas conference								\$456.72				
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$456.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FFO FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$779.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,679.06	\$1,222.34	\$1,222.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Hospitality Suite Room 316
5am - until Friday
5am - until Saturday
5am - 10am Sunday

Registration Lobby Level
8am - until Friday
8am - Saturday

"Come To The Water"

SCHEDULE GLAD CONFERENCE

WILMINGTON HILTON - WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 11, 12 & 13, 1994

SAMARITAN Course "Preaching The Word" Thursday, November 10

Thursday, November 10, 1994

District Committee Meeting Noon - 8 PM

St. Jude's Conference Committee Meeting Time TBA

Conference work team meets at 6 PM

Friday, November 11, 1994

District Committee Meeting 9 AM - 12 Noon

WORKSHOPS: 1:00 - 2:30 PM (Workshop descriptions are enclosed)

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| 1. | Antagonists in the Church | Rev. Jay Neely & Rev. Christine Oscar | Dogwood |
| 2. | Spirituality/Chemical Dependence | Mr. Lou Clemmons | Camellia |

WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS: 2:45 - 4:15 PM

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|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Music & Worship (part 1) | Ms. Marsha Stevens | Camellia |
| 2. | Antagonists in the Church (Pt. 2) | Rev. Jay Neely & Rev. Christine Oscar | Dogwood |

Sharing: Pastors, Clergy & Pastoral Leaders 4:30 - 5:30P Camellia

Dogwood Lay Sharing 5:00 - 6:00 Deacon's Sharing 5:00 - 6:00 Garden

Student Clergy Sharing 5:00 - 6:00 Carolina

CONFERENCE DINNER 6:15-7:45 PM (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Speaker: Reverend Elder Dr. Troy Perry, "UFMCC Year 2000" Magnolia

WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 11, 1994 8 PM Ballroom

Speaker: Rev. Ruth Harper, Superintendent, Wilmington District

United Methodist Church

Member of the Executive Committee North Carolina Council of Churches

Liturgy of the Quilt - Rev. Christine Oscar, ST. MARY'S MCC**

Rm 816 Chapel

Following the service there will be facilities for 12 step & PWA meetings. Please see Dennis Luft or Cassi Wylie for information and location.

** During the liturgy of the quilt on Friday night, we remember our sisters and brothers who have gone on to be with God. We invite anyone who wishes to prepare a memorial

Bookstore - Tidewater room Chapel - Carolina room

8am - 11pm Fri

7am - 11pm Sat

8am - 1pm Sun

8am - 11pm Fri & Sat
(except 5-6pm Fri)

November 12, 1994 (cont.)

WORKSHOPS: 4 - 5:30 PM

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| 1. Changing Course (Part 2) | Mr. Lou Clemmons | <i>Garden</i> |
| 2. Contemporary Christian Music | Ms. Marsha Stevens | <i>Dogwood</i> |
| 3. Building Bridges - Lesbians/Gay Males | Rev. Glenna Shepherd &
Rev. Wayne Lindsey | <i>Camellia</i> |
| 4. Liberating the Church From Its Isms | Rev. Christine Oscar | <i>Azalea</i> |

CHORAL REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON (Time & Place TBA)
2pm Sat. Magnolia

OUR PRAISE IN MUSIC 7:15 - 8 PM

Ms. Marsha Stevens in Concert

Ballroom

WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 12, 1994 8 PM

Speaker: Rev. Elder Dr. Troy D. Perry, Founder & Moderator UFMCC
Including the massed GLAD choir performing with Marsha Stevens

Ballroom

Rm 816 Chapel

Facilities for 12-step and PWA meetings following service will be available. See Cassi Wylie or Dennis Luft for information and location.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, REPRESENTATIVES OF GLAD/SAMARITAN WILL MEET (PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED) WITH SAMARITAN STUDENTS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN GLAD/SAMARITAN COURSE WORK, AND/OR THE STUDENT CLERGY PROGRAM.

SPEND SOME SOCIAL TIME FOLLOWING SERVICE, AS ST. JUDE'S MCC SPONSORS A DANCE IN THE AUDITORIUM. THERE WILL BE NON-ALCOHOLIC REFRESHMENT.

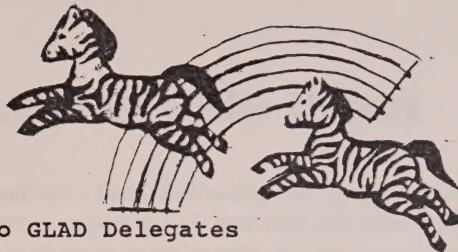
Sunday May 1, 1994

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, 10 AM - 11:30 November 13, 1994

Speaker: Rev. Jay Neely, District Coordinator
Gulf Lower Atlantic District

Ballroom

District Committee 1 - 3 PM (If Needed)



EXCEL Report to GLAD Delegates

It is with the greatest excitement that EXCEL of the Rainbow Zebra again reports to the delegates of the various congregations which make up this District that your very own EXCEL team is still progressing along the course we believe the Holy Spirit has laid out for us.

We gave a second very successful weekend in August of 1984 at the same location as our first, Camp McDowell in Jasper, AL. From this weekend we graduated over forty participants, many from the Birmingham and Atlanta areas, but we had a good showing of participants from Tennessee and North Carolina as well. It is as a result of the enthusiastic support from the Northeastern part of GLAD that we are now looking forward to a third weekend to be held at Camp Mikell in Toccoa, GA. This weekend is scheduled for March 31-April 2. Although the cost is a bit higher, we are still planning to offer the weekend for less than \$100 per participant. We are encouraging the churches in North and South Carolina and Tennessee to get as many people involved as possible. This will enable us to continue to look for sites and try to schedule future weekends in this area.

The Rainbow Zebra team is also asking everyone's support in fundraising again. We gave as many scholarships as we could for the previous two weekends, and as a result have very low funds for the more expensive third weekend coming up. We are again raffling a quilt at District Conference. This quilt is serving a double benefit, because it was purchased from the women in the Dominican Republic who have been being sponsored by MCC Tampa and the World Community Builders efforts. Please encourage members of your delegation to chip in on the raffle, and in addition, consider partial sponsorship of a participant. We have decided that we will be unable to offer full scholarships for the next weekend, so the sponsorship of local churches for their candidates will be very important.

Although with the departure of Janet and Julie Suess-Pierce to the Northwest District at the end of the summer our team lost two vital and important members, we are looking forward to training new people for this upcoming weekend. The way individuals join the team is to first attend an EXCEL weekend, then participate in a second weekend with the Rainbow Zebras as a "Friend", and then, if they feel called to this ministry, begin full-scale training. If you want to talk more about EXCEL, we'd be delighted to share with you!

---Trudie Barreras, Team Facilitator

GLAD Faith, Fellowship and Order Report

When first elected as GLAD Clergy Representative to Faith, Fellowship and Order, I asked previous representatives what my responsibilities would be, what to expect at FFO meetings and what resources FFO has. FFO has and is undergoing some changes and is itself trying to make such information more available to the fellowship. As your representative at the 1994 meeting of FFO prior to Leadership Conference at Dallas this summer, I gained the following insights, information and resources.

Faith, Fellowship and Order has a long history of developing studies and workshops for use in our districts and local communities. This is to help us as a denomination to do "grassroots theologizing" - for the people to get involved in developing, naming and claiming our beliefs. A major portion of the FFO meeting time was spent going through everything that we could identify (and get hard copies for) to create a resource list. I have a draft copy of this list which you may ask to see. We hope to have a full list of all that is available ready for General Conference in Atlanta. We also discussed making hard copies of some workshops and studies available through Church Services. That possibility is being explored by another member of the committee at this time.

I was disappointed that our lay representative failed to attend. There were two lay representatives present and they had much to contribute to our process. One of our tasks at each meeting is to test proposed "workshops" for use in the fellowship. This also means that we are then "experienced" with what is offered and can bring them back to our districts if they are ready for use.

A new structure for FFO is being developed. In an effort to address the reality that most districts do not fully fund their FFO representatives, a structural and meeting change is being proposed for action by General Conference. By forming a smaller group of Core Commissioners composed of the chair and four members elected by FFO, our hope is to adapt to the reality that most FFO commissioners (representatives) do not come to FFO meetings in non-conference years.

The underwrite this, FFO will ask for a significant increase for travel expenses for Core Commissioners in the 1995 UFMCC Budget and will also ask each district to budget (give) an additional \$200.00 for this specific need. I am not sure if the extra \$200.00 is for every year or just for even numbered years, the years between General Conferences, since Core Commissioners may be district representatives or not. District FFO representatives are still welcomed at and encouraged to come to meetings of FFO in non-conference years as that is when the agenda is planned for the next meeting, forum ideas developed and workshop testing continues. What this additional Core Commissioner funding will do is enable our Core Commissioners (CCs) to come to all meetings - our international CCs, those whose districts do not adequately fund their FFO representative expenses and those CCs who may not be district FFO representatives.

Another twist to the restructure and its implications for our GLAD budget is my election as a Core Commissioner to fill a vacant position - it happened to be the one Wanda Floyd was elected to last year. If I am re-elected as a CC next year (to a term that may be for 2 to 6 years) and if this interim FFO structure is adopted permanently, GLAD may need to discuss what all of this means for us and for our FFO budgeted expenses. Janet Suess-Pierce and Felicia Fontaine, previous GLAD FFO representatives, have led GLAD to become a model and leader in its support of FFO by budgeting full funding for GLAD FFO representative expenses. I hope that we keep this example which was the envy of all other representatives at FFO this year!

Rev. Helene H. Loper
GLAD Clergy Representative to Faith, Fellowship and Order
October, 1994

Commission on the Laity (COL) Report
Meeting held July 30 - August 1, 1994 in Fort Worth, TX

COL met for three days before the Leadership and DPOC/WPHR meeting in Texas. The districts that were able to send representatives were the Eastern and Western Canadian District, Southeast District, Southwest District, Great Lakes District, Mid Atlantic District, South Central District, Mid Central District, Northeast District and Gulf Lower Atlantic District. Our Liaison Elder, Rev. Willem Hein was also in attendance with us as well as Elder Larry Rodriques. The meeting was led by Jonee Shelton, chair of COL and held at Agape MCC, Fort Worth, TX.

The topic of sexual ethics and sexual conduct seemed to be one of the hot topics for this meeting. Rev. Carolyn Mabey of the CCCC (Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee) came and spoke to us during our meeting to listen to our concerns. We also discussed with her the procedure of licensing clergy in our fellowship. Is there a criminal background check? Are references called? Do we ask and find out why they left the church or district they were previously with? Rev. Mabey said that she would take our concerns and questions back to the CCCC for discussion.

Representatives from EXCEL also came to meet with us. We recognize the fact that EXCEL and COL are the only lay movements in the fellowship. We discussed possible team building with the two groups. We are scheduling to have some of our reps meet with EXCEL prior to general conference in 1995 to talk about how to better serve each other and the fellowship.

Our district will be in charge of overseeing the COL booth in the general store at General Conference in Atlanta, GA. Our day to staff the store is the first Monday of the conference. Please see me if you are interested in helping. This year we will be doing signature hankies of the elders as well as t-shirts with "Church of the Holy Acronym" as one of the logos.

One of the items that the group and General Council is very excited about is Lay Recognition. We came up with three categories for these awards: Lay Service, Lay Leadership and Lay Faithfulness. These were mailed out in September to all lay delegates, pastors and pastoral leaders. If you did not receive your package, please see me. The awards will be presented at General Conference in Atlanta. Recommendations are being collected through June 1, 1995.

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson presented us with a challenge to try and send some of our representatives to the Australia conference in 1997. We accepted the challenge and will be helping to fund Jonee Shelton (chair) to go as well as to provide for her to be able to visit other churches while she is there.

COL will also host "Orientation to 1995 General Conference". This will help people new delegates get orientated to the procedures of the business part of general conference. This workshop is open to all delegates, new and experienced.

Our next meeting will be held before General Conference in Atlanta, GA, July 22, 1995.

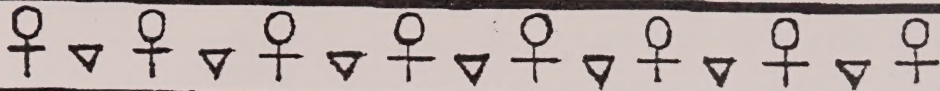
Submitted by,

Wanda Y. Floyd
GLAD Lay Representative

GLAD District Committee Report (Nov. 93-Nov. 94)

Date	Church/Place	Member	Purpose of Trip
Nov. 11-12, 1993	Augusta	all members	District Committee meetings
Nov. 12-14, 1993	Augusta	all members	District Conference
Nov. 93	High Country	Sharon	Participated in worship
Dec. 4, 1993	St. Mary's	Cassi	Rev. Oscar's 10th anniversary celebration
Jan. 2, 1994	MCC TriCities	Cassi	Preached and moderated Cong. meeting
Feb. 12, 1994	Atlanta	all members	District Committee meeting
Mar.11-13, 1994	MCC Jackson	Cassi & Reid	Ministry of Reconciliation
Apr. 28-29, 1994	Tri-Cities	all members	District Committee meetings
Apr. 29-May 1	Tri-Cities	all members	District Conference
May 21,1994	St. John's	Cassi	Attended TWS Women's Day
May 22, 1994	St. John's	Cassi	Attended worship
June 2, 1994	Covenant	Cassi	Attended Rev. Cliff Morrison's funeral
July 10, 1994	Myrtle Beach	Wanda	Preached
Aug. 19-20, 1994	Atlanta	all members	District Committee meeting
Aug. 21, 1994	Christ Covenant	Wanda	Attended worship
July 29-Aug. 1	Dallas	Wanda	Commission On Laity meeting
Aug. 1-4, 1994	Dallas	Wanda & Reid	UFMCC Leadership Conference
Aug. 5-7, 1994	Dallas	Wanda	Department of People Of Color Conference
Sep. 4, 1994	High Country	Wanda	Preached
Oct. 2, 1994	Myrtle Beach	Wanda	Preached
Nov. 10-11, 1994	Wilmington	all members	District Committee meetings
Nov. 11-13, 1994	Wilmington	all members	District Conference

The Women's Secretariat



The GLAD Women's Secretariat (TWS) had a great year. We have gain momentum in the District as a viable program by raising our visibility and connecting to many women in GLAD congregations.

Local Church Liaisons

TWS has created local TWS liaisons in 90% of the churches in GLAD. These liaison will be contacts for the distribution of information about women's issues.

Women's Day

In May of 1994 TWS hosted a Women's Day at St. John's MCC in Raleigh, NC. Eleven women attended Women's Day which offered workshops on Feminist Theology, Self Esteem and Anger. Although attendance was low, we felt that this Women's Day was very empowering for the women who did attend. TWS is looking forward to hosting a second Women's Day in Atlanta in 1995.

Women's Banner

We also created a banner to encourage District Conference attendance from women in the local churches. TWS feels that District Conference is an important tool in the leadership development of GLAD women. The banner was created to increase enthusiasm for District Conference at the local church level.

Leadership Conference

Margie Walker attended the Leadership Conference in Dallas TX in August of 1994. While at the Leadership Conference Margie got an opportunity to connect with other District TWS representatives and with the leadership of TWS at the fellowship level. These contacts will strengthen GLAD's TWS and will enhance UFMCC's TWS since GLAD is the host of General Conference 1995.

...AND WE'RE G.L.A.D.

—Gulf Lower Atlantic District—

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be GLAD in it." Psalms 118:24

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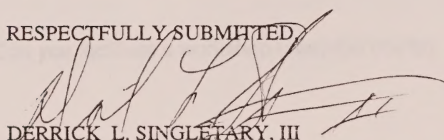
GREETING IN THE NAME OF OUR CREATOR

1994 HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING YEAR IN THE DPOC/WPHR. WE HAVE A VERY EXCITING YEAR IN THE DPOC/WPHR. WE HAVE HAD FOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN OF THE RAINBOW PROMISE CONFERENCE. THE YEAR GOT OFF TO A GREAT START BY HOSTING FOUR CONFERENCE. THE FIRST CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT ST. JOHN'S OF RALEIGH THE WEEKEND OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR CELEBRATION. THEN WE CONTINUED ON OVER TO FEBRUARY WHERE WE HOSTED AT MCC CHARLESTON. LATER. IN MARCH WE HOSTED TWO MORE CONFERENCES ONE IN GULF COAST MCC THEN LATER ONE AT FAMILY OF GOD IN COLUMBUS GA.

WE HAD TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN DALLAS AT THE DPOC/WPHR CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL OF HOPE. WE HAVE HAD A VERY EXCITING YEAR SPREADING THE NEWS OF OUR CHILDREN OF THE RAINBOW CONFERENCE. THAT WAS DEVELOPED WITHIN THE G.L.A.D. IT WAS DEVELOPED BY OUR VERY OWN DARYL WALKER, GLENNA SHEAPARD AND POLLY IRELAND.

THIS IS A REPORT SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE G.L.A.D. DPOC/WPHR FOR THE 1994 ACTIVITIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



DERRICK L. SINGLETARY, III
DPOC CHAIRPERSON

District Conference Survey

Please take a moment to give the district committee some feedback on this conference. We will use this information to improve future district conferences. You may return this survey to an usher at Sunday's worship service or mail it to Gulf Lower Atlantic District, 1379 Tullie Road, Atlanta, GA. 30329. Thank you for your time and input.

1. Was this your first GLAD conference?
2. Why did you come to conference?
 - a) I am a delegate/observer (clergy or lay)
 - b) For spiritual renewal
 - c) For education's
 - d) For fun
 - e) Other reason: _____
3. What did you like most about conference (worship, workshops, sharing groups, etc)?
4. What did you like least?
5. What would you like added to future conferences?
6. What would you like changed?
7. What topics for workshops would you like offered in the future?
8. Can you facilitate a workshop (describe briefly).
9. How were the accommodations.
10. Additional comments?

TASKS	Analysis of a problem solving process		
	PROCESSES	CLIMATE	PROBLEMS
1. Assessments of principal's interests	Interviewing, research questionnaires, fact finding	Non judgmental, curious, patient	Generalizing, rationalizing
2. Reframing principals' differences	Exploring assumptions, recognizing larger frames of reference, expanding frames.	Accepting, imaginative, intuitive	Limited data, polarizing
3. Generating options	"What if" brainstorming, building scenarios, "best of all worlds" dreaming.	fast paced, playful, provocative, collaborative	Premature criticism, ridicule, vagueness
4. Formulating resolutions that maximize all parties' interests	Pro/con assessments, role playing, building scenarios, testing against ethical criteria	Practicality, clarity, imaginative	perfectionism, pessimism

When repeated efforts to resolve differences fail, seek binding arbitration of principal issues.

- 5 Personality traits of hard-core/major
1. Negative self-image
 2. Narcissism
 3. Aggression
 4. Rigidity/Inflexible.
 5. Authoritarian

CHURCH CONFLICT

Christians not only fight, they also often fight dirty. issues are personalized. Gossip and hearsay fog up reason and common sense. Enemy-making wounds parties' spirits and shreds long-standing friendships. Moralistic judgments vaporize trust. Labeling parties suppresses openness and candor. Roberts' Rules are misused to polarize members of governing bodies, and making political alliances more influential than reason or spirituality in determining leaders' votes.

Hugh Halverstadt, "Managing Church Conflict"

SOURCES OF CONFLICT

1. Congregants Core identities are at stake. Spiritual commitments and faith understandings are highly inflammable because they are central to one's self identity. Their self-esteem is on the line.
2. When people of the church feel that their world view or personal integrity is being questioned or condemned, they often become emotionally violent and violating. Any means are used to justify their goal of emotional self protection.
3. Jesus Christ is in the business of social and personal change. Christ calls us away from sin and to salvation; from meaningless religious rituals to meaning-filled action; from indifference to the word to stewardship of all creation; from social violence to social justice, from personal despair and compulsion to personal hope and responsibility. Church conflicts are often generated on such faith agendas for cultural or social change.
4. Antagonism.

Warning signs

1. Sudden change in relationship with you
2. "I have a concern" letter with others (unnamed)
3. Try to nail you down - attack you rather than your statement
4. They mass support from others
5. "involved in areas not their concern (meddling)"
6. Not content to disappear
7. Distortion
8. May contend they are your best friend
9. Champions of the underdog
10. Frequently in lobby small groups

FAIR FIGHT BEHAVIORS

1. Struggling for shared control with others others.
2. Seeking a common good for partisan expense. interests.
3. Acting assertively to respect self and others.
4. Behaving accountably with principals and bystanders.

DIRTY FIGHT BEHAVIORS

1. Struggling for singular control over others.
2. Seeing a partisan good at common
3. Acting aggressively or manipulatively to violate self and others.
4. Behaving deceptively with principals and bystanders.

CHOOSE PROPOSE CONTRACT AND IMPLEMENT INTERVENTIONS

SOLVING CONFLICT

1. Identify what the parties have in common as a basis for working out differences.
2. Setting behavioral ground rules for respectfulness and productive communication.
3. Identify steps in problem solving process.

BEHAVIORAL GROUND RULES FOR ALL PARTIES

1. Share responsibility for a control of behavior
 2. Respect and assert their own intrinsic worth
 3. Act accountably with each other and bystanders
 4. Seek a good that approximates a more universal good
- Speak for yourself not others
 - Listen to understand, not to refute
 - No labeling
 - Be specific by citing bases or examples of your views
 - Challenge others' behaviors and ideas, not their motives or their worth
 - No blaming of self or others
 - No "people are saying." Give facts or cite names
 - Paraphrase what you hears another say before responding to it
 - When you **oppose**, go on to say what you **propose**
 - Address differences, not personal motives, intentions or character
 - No personalizing of issues

THE THEOLOGY OF POWER

"Every human subject is theological. An analysis of the use of power will touch the theological subjects of justice, judgment, grace, enabling, rebellion, hope and many more."

Doran McCarty "Leading The Small Church"

Four Theological Issues Relating To Power:

1. Stewardship

God empowers every person born into this world. Those people whom the people empower - formally or informally - have stewardship of the power entrusted to them.

2. Servanthood

The purpose of leadership power is to serve others. Servanthood is the way to power and the way to use power.

3. Covenants

When people give power to leaders, they make a covenant (formal or informal) with them. Covenants are a matter of keeping faith with the power givers.

4. The Dominion of God

The Dominion of God is not powerless. Christian theology demands that we put the Dominion of God first.

Attitudes Toward Power

1. Fearful

2. Contempt

3. Denial

4. Naive

5. Cynical

6. Self Serving

7. Tacit

8. Responsible

This is where we recognize the reality of power.

Used for the good of others protected from negative (evil) influences.

SHALOM

*A persistent and pervasive symbol in Old Testament materials for indicating the relationship that God establishes and intends for humans and nature is **shalom**. Ordinarily translated as peace, it represents in a biblical context a wide range of meanings. **Shalom** is a particular state of social existence. It is a state of existence where the claims and needs of all that is are satisfied; where there is a relationship of communion between God and humans and nature, where there is fulfillment for all creation.*

Jack Stotts, "The Content of the Peaceable City"

Making connections as Christians

1. The vision of God's love of the parties and a connection that requires respectfulness between parties.
2. The requirements of God's justice for parties and a process that requires assertiveness between parties.
3. The realization of God's truth among parties and a process that requires accountability between parties.
4. The healing of God's reconciliation for parties and a process that incorporates their differences within a framework of a larger good affecting all.

Power Positions

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Power Giver | 2. Power Holder |
| 3. Power Taker | |
| 4. Power Broker | |

They acknowledge that the power is not there own, but are only stewards of power.

How To Get Power

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|---------------|------------|
| 1. Inherit it | 2. Buy It |
| 3. Steal It | 4. Earn It |
| 5. Claim It | 6. Vote It |
| 7. Curse It | |

How To Lose Power

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Loss Of Confidence | 2. Poor Stewardship |
| 3. Betrayal Of Covenant | 4. Failure To Change |
| 5. Intimidation | |

Guidelines For A Christian Use Of Power

1. The person who uses power in a Christian manner must hold power as a sacred trust.
2. The use of power in a Christian way demands that leaders respect people. Respect is recognizing the worth and sacredness of there - even sinners.
3. The Christian use of power is to serve others.
4. The Christian use of power means patience.

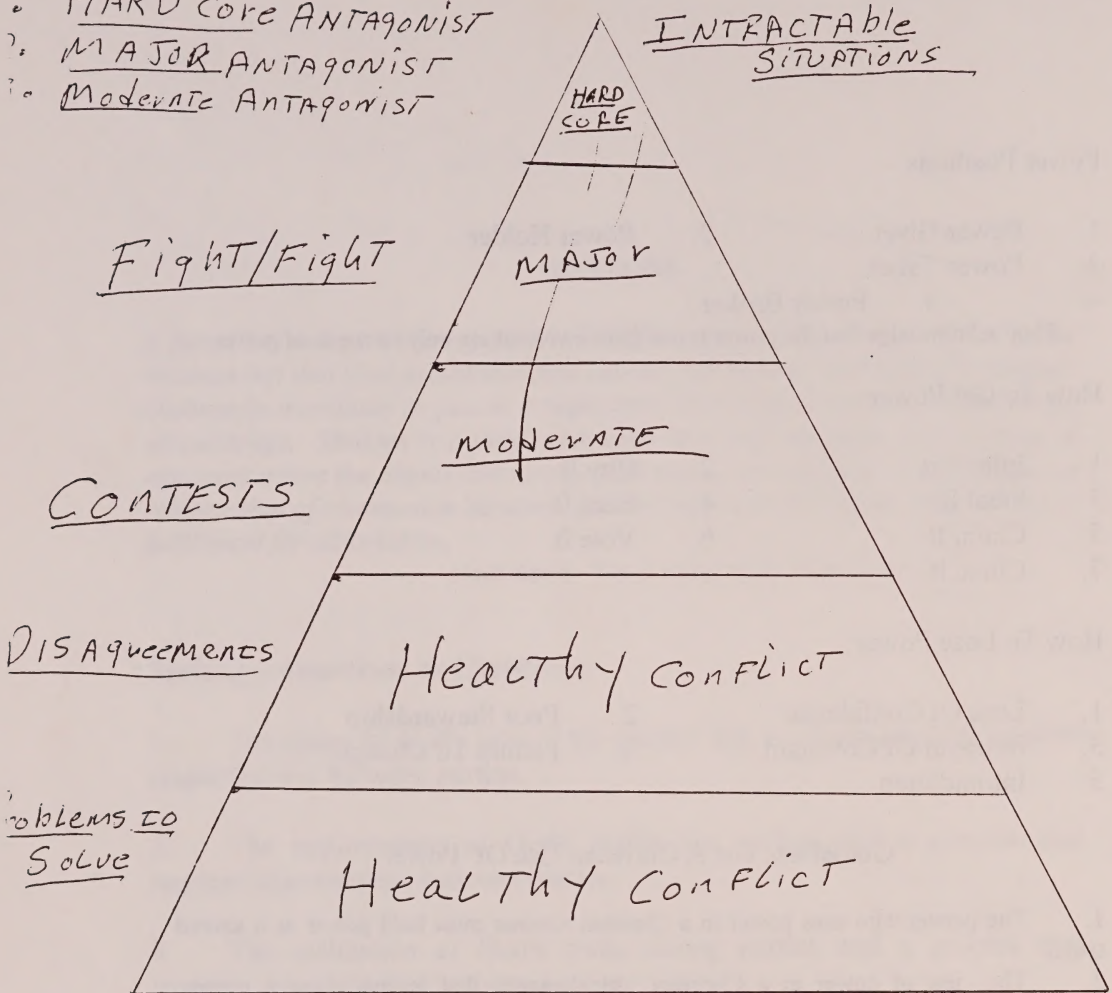
PSALM 24:4

*Who may go up the mountain of God?
And who may stand in God's Holy Place?
They who have clean hands and a pure heart -
Who have not set their minds on falsehood
and has not committed perjury.
They shall receive a blessing from God.*

ANTAGONISM

3 TYPES

- 1. HARD CORE ANTAGONIST
- 2. MAJOR ANTAGONIST
- 3. Moderate ANTAGONIST



ANTAGONISTS: Individuals who on the basis of nonsubstantive evidence, go out of their way to make insatiable demands, usually attacking the person or performance of others. These attacks are selfish in nature, tearing down rather than building up, and are frequently directed against those in leadership capacity.

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Dear Clergy and Lay Delegates &
Official Observers!

Enclosed are the GLAD financial reports for the period ending September 30, 1994. These are the reports that will be considered for approval at the Fall District Conference in Wilmington, North Carolina. Please be sure to bring these reports with you to the conference.

Also enclosed is a proposed budget for the 1995 calendar year. This will also be considered at the Fall District Conference.

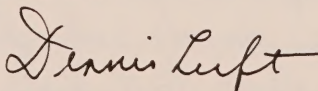
Tithe Income for 1994 is projected at \$47,000 which is 8.8% above the budgeted figure of \$43,200. I have proposed a budgeted figure of \$51,700 for 1995, which is a 10% increase from the 1994 projected figure of \$47,000. Church growth continues throughout the District. New works were recently recognized in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The District Committee has approved St. Jude's M.C.C. (Wilmington, NC) for commissioned church status and has recommended Christ Covenant M.C.C. (Stone Mountain, Ga) for chartered church status. In addition Christ Covenant M.C.C. and Covenant M.C.C. (Birmingham, AL) have reached the 100-member level for the first time this year. Other revenue sources should be about the same for 1995, except that interest earned on savings accounts should be slightly more due to increasing interest rates.

On the expense side, I have proposed a 11% increase in District Coordinator's Compensation. The District Committee will be investigating ways to provide this increase through non-taxable benefits. Although the projected amount of travel expenses is a good bit less than the budgeted amount, I am proposing no decrease in the Travel Expenses line. I am proposing an increase in the Communications line to reflect actual 1994 experience. I have added to the budget "Contribution to Student Clergy Fund" and "Contribution to New Works Fund". This year these funds were provided by an allocation of 20% each from net revenues of district conferences. The increase in the Administrative Assistant line reflects an increase in the hours compensated by the district to 15 hours per week at the rate of \$6.00 per hour.

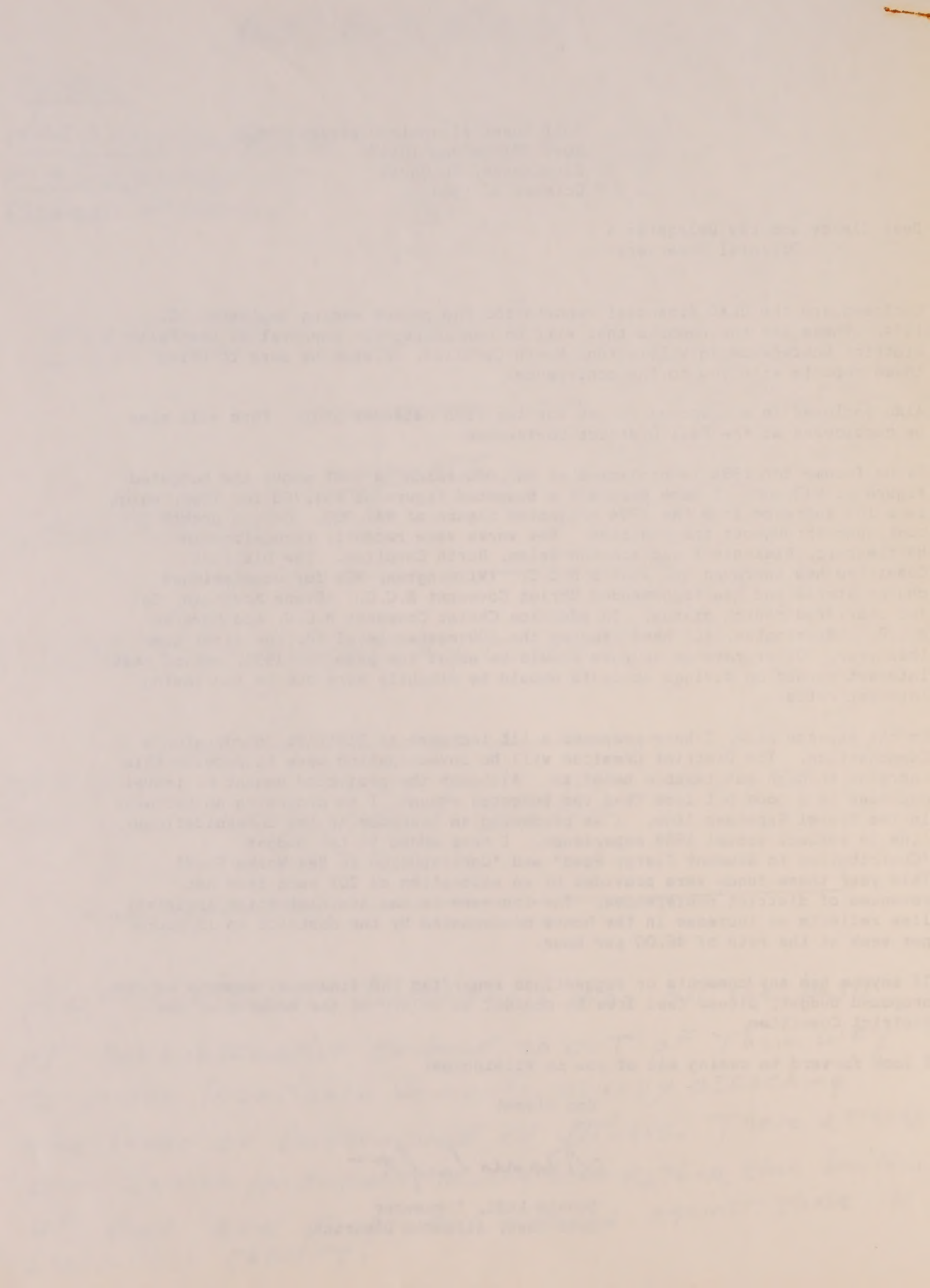
If anyone has any comments or suggestions regarding the financial reports or the proposed budget, please feel free to contact me or any of the members of the District Committee.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Wilmington!

God Bless!



Dennis Luft, Treasurer
Gulf Lower Atlantic District



Business Meeting

Nov 12, 1994

1. Risk Mgmt = Will be discussed at Spring Conference.

2. All churches will be reviewed.
Packets are forthcoming soon.
Committee member (District) will be assigned to each church.

3. New Business

A. Budget

1. Friendly amendment

Increase Alm Asst salary by 5% hrs
per str. in 1995.00

from \$4800 to \$7200

B. Fall District Conference

~~For~~

1. Chuck Thomas - Barnhart to Atlanta Churches

2. Helene Lopez - consensus of clergy-house

~~Pay House~~ Did not pass

By-law change - 2/3 required
did not pass.

Wayne Lindsey DCR
Helene Loper - alt.

Elder's Nominating Committee
Rev Stevenson.

FFO Clergy alt.
Ilena Shepard

Spring Conference 1996
Nashville, TN.

Fall 1996 - Atlanta
Biloxi 2000
Mobile
Charleston.

Resolution on Chemical Dependency
to UFMCC as a non-binding resolution

DPOC WPHR Women's Sect
won't separate scheduling for conference.

Women's Sect. Resolution to (Binding)
Elect delegate from each conference
non-budget item
to put before General Conference

Reid = problem's with mandating
 Why ~~then~~ not appointed vs elected?

Dana - changes to by-laws by election

JR - Binding - may have budget implications

Motion passed - will be mailed to
 each church.

GLAD DISTRICT CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 1994 - WILMINGTON, N.C.

INVOCATION

CALL OF THE ROLL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ITEM: SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES: Moved by Darst; second by Barreras. Passed with no opposition.

ITEM:REPORT OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

August 19 and 20, 1994 (Atlanta):Moved by Stephenson; second by Finney. Passed with no opposition.

November 10 and 11, 1994 (Wilmington):Moved by Darst; second by Mason. Passed with no opposition.

ITEM: DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Moved by Finney; second by Galloway. Accepted with no opposition.

ITEM: TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Dennis Luft. Moved by Finney; second by Darst. Written report with discussion. The District is doing well financially. Report was accepted with no opposition.

ITEM:ASSISTANT DC'S REPORT:Written report presented by Cassi Wylie. Moved by Finney; second by Galloway. Approved with no opposition.

ITEM: PROGRAM REPORTS:The following Program Reports were moved on and accepted together: EXCEL, FFO, DPOC, COL, WOMAN'S SECRETARIAT. Moved by Mason; second by Gilliam. Accepted with no opposition.

ITEM: 1995 BUDGET: Presented by Dennis Luft. Moved by Galloway; second by Wilson. Discussion centered around increasing the amount of hours for the District Coordinator's Administrative Assistant. Presented by M. Moore to increase the hours by 5 hours every quarter to a maximum of 30 hours. This would come out of the church tithe line of the budget. This would change the salary from \$4800 to \$7000 for the year. \$6.00 hourly rate of pay would remain the same. Budget was passed with this change. This was no opposition.

ITEM: BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL FROM CHARLESTON REGARDING LOCATION OF FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCES: Proposal was previously mailed to delegates. This was to have all Fall Conferences in Atlanta, Ga. Moved by Mason; second by Voelker. Approval requires a 2/3rds majority. This

proposal did not carry this majority and failed to pass.

ITEM: ELECTION OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

CLERK: Sharon Lindenbaum

TREASURER: Dennis Luft

CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE: Rev. Reid Christensen

All three nominees were re-elected to their positions.

ITEM: ELECTION OF DCRC MEMBER: This position is to fill the remaining 3 year term of Rev. Tam Schult. Moved by Leech; second by Ireland. Rev. Wayne Lindsey elected to the position. Rev. Helene Loper elected as Alternate.

ITEM: ELECTION OF CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE TO ELDER'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Moved by Loper; second by Voelker. Rev. Bev Stephenson elected to position.

ITEM: ELECTION OF ALTERNATE FFO CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE: Moved by Stephenson; second by Voelker. Rev. Glenna Shepherd elected to position.

ITEM: APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE SITE FOR SPRING 1996: Recommendation for Nashville. Moved by Finney; second by Ireland. Passed with one opposed. No one abstained.

ITEM: RECOMMENDATION FOR FALL 1996 CONFERENCE SITE: Recommendations included Atlanta, Ga., Greenville, S.C., and Mobile, Al.

ITEM: NON BINDING RESOLUTION ON CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY: Presented by Lou Clemmons. To be forwarded to General Conference as a Non Binding Resolution. Passed with no opposition.

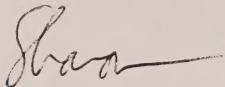
ITEM: DPHR RECOMMENDATION: Presented by J. Kelderman as a recommendation only for meeting time on Fridays in an appropriate time slot. DPOC and Women's Secretariat could also be included in this recommendation. No action required at time time.

ITEM: NON BINDING RESOLUTION FROM THE WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT: Moved by Berreras; second by Gilliam. It was recommended that each church elect a local representative to serve as a contact person between the local church and the District Women's Secretariat to inform the church of program activities as well as represent the church's concerns at the District level. The position would be elected on the same cycle as the Lay Delegate. Non Binding Resolution passed.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER.

Respectfully submitted by :

Sharon Lindenbaum,

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THE REV. JAY NEELY, DISTRICT COORDINATOR

December 27, 1994

To: All Clergy & Lay Delegates of GLAD & All Glad Churches

From: The Glad Committee

Re: Resolution Regarding The Women's Secretariat

During our recent business meeting in Wilmington, the District Conference considered a resolution brought forward by The Women's Secretariat. There was some confusion surrounding the motion and subsequent passage.

This was moved and seconded as **Non-Binding Resolution**. During discussion of the motion, the confusion developed over whether this **was** binding or non-binding.

If this was to be a binding motion -- one of two things would have to have occurred:

1. The motion would have to have been circulated to all of the churches at least 30 days in advance of the business meeting.
2. The motion, introduced on the floor would have to be considered a "First Reading", and would have to be returned to the Conference for a second reading and passage, before it could be a binding resolution.

Therefore, since this was moved and seconded as a **Non-Binding Resolution**, the motion, as passed, represents the will of the conference, but is **not binding**.

I have discussed this with Ms. Margie Walker, Co-Chair of the Women's Secretariat. If the framers of the resolution still want this to be a binding motion, they can re-circulate the motion for consideration as a binding resolution, prior to our May Conference. If the conference then passes the motion, the resolution will not have lost any time, as it could not have been binding until May in any case.

